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ACROSS THE WAY.

"Have you no friends across the way?"
My little city darling said;
"And when there comes a rainy day,
Can't you look out and nod your head
To some one else, as I can do
To Will and Fred and baby Sue?
I heard you tell mamma to-day
You had no friends across the way."

"But I have friends—dear friends," I cried,
With quick, remorseful thought of home.
"A band of brothers, side by side,
To greet me if I go or come.
How dear they are, I cannot say!
Nor how it cheers me day by day
To see across the valley far
How strong and beautiful they are!

"And you should see the robes they wear—
Their mantles thick and soft of green,
Than rainbow-tinted, yet more fair,
Or ermine wraps with silver sheen.
But yet I think I love them best
When, all in sombre shadows drest,
Their broken ranks in silence lie
Beneath the solemn midnight sky.

"Sometimes a misty curtain drawn
Between us hides these friends from me;
But when at sunset it is gone,
Dear child how fair the sight I see!
For where the nearer ranks divide,
The gates of glory open wide;
And lo! in that unearthly light
The farther hills transfigured quite;
While yet another and another
Peeps o'er the shoulder of his brother,
And smiles through the rosy mist, and seems to say,
'Heaven lies beyond us—such a little way.'"

"Such friends are nice," she softly said,
"For any one as old as you.
And when I'm old and you are dead,
Perhaps I'll go and see them too.
But now I'd rather watch to see
Children across the street from me;
And nod to Will and play peep-po
With cunning little baby Sue."

—*Susan H. Ludlum, in Harper's Bazar.*

A LESSON FOR HUSBANDS.

BY AMY RANDONPH.

The little silver column in the thermometer was gradually mounting toward the nineties; the leaves hung motionless in the furnace-like air, and the scent of the perfumed swaths of newly cut hay pervaded everything, as Squire Sadley stood under the umbrella-shaped apple-tree and wiped his reeking brow with a yard-square pocket handkerchief of yellow silk.

"Phew!" cried the squire, "this is getting too much. I think I shall go home an hour earlier than usual."

"So'd I, if I wasn't workin' for day's wages," said Israel Newcomb, who was vigorously turning the fragrant billows of green with a fork which gleamed like serried lightning in the sunshine. The squire glared angrily at Israel; it was his pride that he worked as hard as any of his hired men, rich land-owner though he was.

"I s'pose I can do as I please!" said he.

"Sartin!" observed Israel. "I only wish I could!"

The squire went home, selecting the shady path which lay part way through the woods, and crossing the noisy little stream on a make-shift bridge formed by a fallen cedar-tree. Far down in the green crosslights and glinting reflections of the glen, he could see Will Dallas, who had abandoned all pretense of fishing, and lay on the moss at Mary Sadley's feet, reading aloud to her, out of some pocket volume of poetry. The squire frowned.

"Spooning—as usual," growled he, under his breath, and pushed steadily on.

The old homested, painted white, with a refreshing contrast of green blinds, lay basking in the vivid sunshine. The squire looked at it with a complacent sense of proprietorship, as he went around to the back-door, where a great honeysuckle vine was all in curls of buff and white blossoms. The roomy kitchen, with its shining copper boiler and white-board floor, was silent and empty. He looked around.

"Hallo!" he shouted. "Is every one dead?"

Little Kitty came running out of the front-room.

"Hush, father!" said she, holding up a small forefinger. "Mother is asleep."

"Asleep!" roared the squire. "A pretty time of day to be *asleep*, and the whole house wide open, ready for any tramp that may come along, and your grandmother's silver spoons in plain view on the dresser shelf. *Asleep!*"

"I'm sorry, Titus," said an apologetic voice, as a pale, shadowy little woman issued from the hall beyond, where she had been lying on a Procrustean lounge, fashioned of unpainted pine boards, and draped with a lumpy mattress. "I hadn't any idea of falling asleep when I lay down; but my head ached a little—it's the heat, I suppose—and I felt dizzy. I'm sorry, but surely it isn't twelve o'clock yet."

"It don't lack many minutes of it," said the squire, gloomily, looking at the big wooden clock, whose fat, black Roman numerals glared back at him from behind a green nebulæ of asparagus branches. "The heat, eh? Well, I s'pose other folks feel it, too. *My* head aches, but I don't take to *my* bed. And when a man comes home tired and beat out from the hay field, he naturally expects to find things comfortable. I don't know what a woman has her board and keep for, if it ain't to see that meals is reg'lar and things decent."

"I'm sorry, Titus." nervously reiterated the little woman, fluttering to and fro like a lame-winged pigeon, "but I'll make all the haste I can. Dinner will soon be ready. Here, Kitty" (to the child), "wash these potatoes in the sink as quick as you can, and trim the beets, while I run out for some kindlings to hurry up the fire."

A minute afterward, he could hear the quick strokes of the hatchet, and he bethought himself that, in the hurry incident to haying-time, the pile of kindlings had been allowed to get low.

"It does seem," he said, petulantly, "as if everything hindered a man's dinner."

"Then, father," said Kitty, glancing shrewdly over the top of the tin potato-pan, "why don't *you* go out and split the kindlings, and let mother 'tend to the things indoors?"

"Hush, Kitty," said Mrs. Sadley, quickly, as she touched a match to the mass of crumpled papers under the grate.

"Where's the last *Gazette*?" snarled the squire, ignoring Kitty's query.

"Oh, Titus," cried his wife, "I've just set fire to it! I supposed, of course, you'd read it—it's a week old to-day, you know."

"Of course," said Squire Sadley, "I might have known without asking! It's waste and fling away and burn up in *this* house. There ain't nothing safe where an extravagant woman's concerned!"

"Mother ain't extravagant!" said Kitty.

"Where's them peas I brought in this morning?" sharply demanded the squire, looking around him, with Argus eyes.

"There isn't time to shell them now," said Mrs. Sadley, timidly.

"Time—time!" repeated her husband.

"Of course there ain't time, if you sleep away your life on that there sofy. I mean to have it taken away tomorrow. It is a deal too handy. What's the use o' my plantin' the earliest peas in the market, and hoein' and brushin' 'em, and then goin' out afore sun-up to pick 'em if my folks hain't time to cook 'em?"

"I'll have 'em for supper," said Mrs. Sadley, with a little *tremolo* in her voice.

"No you won't, neither," said the squire. "I'll send 'em over to Neighbor Barton's. *His* wife's got some snap in her! I declare, it's clear discouragin' for a man to be dragged back all the time by a shiftless wife!"

A big round drop splashed down into the frying-pan which Mrs. Sadley was just preparing to receive sundry slices of well-cured ham which she had been cutting; she made no verbal reply, however.

"Eh?" said the squire, "why don't you say something? Sulking, I s'pose, as usual?"

At this poor Mrs. Sadley burst into tears.

"No Titus," said she, "I ain't sulking. But I feel awful bad today, and it don't take much to upset me. It's all true what you say. I *am* a poor, worn-out, feeble creature, and I don't blame you for gettin' out of patience. But if I hadn't worked so hard all these years—"

"Oh, yes, there's always *some* excuse," growled the squire; and taking a stray "sample number" of a fashion paper, he went out to sit in the honeysuckle shade.

"I can't stand that roasting fire," said he.

"Then," said Kitty, the *enfant terrible*, "how do you suppose mother likes it?"

In an instant, however, her fickle, childish attention was diverted.

"See!" she cried. "There come Cousin Mary and Mr. Dallas over the hill! Oh father! they're engaged. Did you know it?"

"Yes;" absently answered the squire, intent on his paper.

"I was in the parlor that night; it thundered and rained so hard," said Kitty, with a twinkling eye, "and they didn't know it. And he called her his darling love—"

"Humph!" grunted the squire. "A reg'lar case o' spooning."

"And she said he was her dearest, *dearest* one," added Kitty the circumstantial.

"Young fools!" snapped Squire Sadley.

"Father," said Kitty, leaning on his shoulder—she was the only one in the house who was not afraid of the stern despot—"don't all lovers talk so?"

"They're fools for their pains, if they do."

"Didn't *you* love mother when she was a girl like Cousin Mary? Didn't *you* say just such things to her?"

The squire moved uneasily in his chair under the calm, searching light of Kitty's eyes.

"I might ha' done it," he owned at last. "I s'pose I was just as greatan idiot as other folks be."

"I don't see why people ever leave it off," said Kitty, abstractedly. "Was mother a pretty girl."

"Don't talk nonsense," said the squire almost angrily, and he got up and walked around to the old wooden bench beside the well curb.

Had Kitty's mother been a pretty girl? Yes, that she had—rosy-cheeked and limpid-eyed, with a laugh sweet as the note of a thrush, and the lightest foot, in a Virginia reel, of any girl in the neighborhood. And now, "I *am* a poor, worn-out, feeble creature," she had said, in the faint, weary accents, looking at him out of the dim, faded eyes; "and I don't blame you for getting out of patience." Yes; it was all true. But what had wrought the change? Whose fault was it?

"I don't know," said the squire, staring at Heaven's blue eye reflected far down in the heart of the deep, cool well, "but I most think I've been too hard on her. Now I come to study on it, I've had lots o' hired help about the farm, and she's done all the housework herself. And she never was very strong! Was she a pretty girl? There wasn't none prettier in a radius o' twenty miles around Kingsley Church! And to look at her *now*?"

The squire got up and stamped uneasily around the well.

"I've been a brute!" he muttered to himself. "Worse than a dumb brute—for they ain't supposed to know no better. I don't know what I've been thinkin' of all these years. Leave off loving her? I love her now, bless her faithful, patient soul, as well as ever I did, only I've fell into the way of bein' careless and neglectful. But I'll turn over a new leaf this very day, see if I don't?"

He kept his word.

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"Engaged, Mary? Is it really a settled thing?" said Mrs. Sadley. "Oh, I hope you'll be happy! I hope after twelve years of marriage, dear Mary, you'll be as happy as I am now!"

Her eyes shone; a faint color glowed on her ordinarily pale cheeks. Mary Sadley looked at her in surprise.

"Would you believe," went on the squire's wife, "he has hired a girl to come here and do all the rough work, so as to spare me? And there is such an easy, spring-upholstered sofa in the hall, in place of the lumpy old lounge; and there's one of the hay-hands splitting a pile of wood to last from now to Michaelmas. And we are to keep our wedding anniversary in real old fashioned style, next week; and Titus has ordered a dress trimmed with white ribbons, just like the one I was married in. He says I shall look as young and pretty as I did then. Such nonsense, you know; and yet it is nice of him to say so—now, isn't it?"

And Mrs. Sadley laughed through her tears.

Poor soul! The sunshine had come late in life, yet it filled the whole being with blessedness.

"I'm so glad!" said Mary. "But you deserve it all, Cousin Eunice."

And the newly betrothed lovers whispered to each other that the millennium must surely be at hand. For what else could have changed the squire?

They did not stop to reflect that there is truth in the old saw: "Good in all, and none all good."—*New York Ledger.*

REV. DR. TALMAGE.

THE BROOKLYN DIVINE'S SUNDAY SERMON.

Subject: "Mount Lebanon."

TEXT: "*The cedars of Lebanon which He hath planted.*"—Psalm civ., 16.

In our journey we change stirrup for wheel. It is 4 o'clock in the morning at Damascus, Syria, and we are among the lanterns of the hostelry waiting for the stage to start. A Mohammedan in high life is putting his three wives on board within an apartment by themselves, and our party occupy the main apartment of one of the most uncomfortable vehicles in which mortals were ever jammed and half strangulated. But we must not let the discomforts annul or disparage the opportunities. We are rolling out and up the mountains of Lebanon, their forehead under a crown of snow, which coronet the fingers of the hottest summer cannot cast down.

We are ascending the heights around which is garlanded much of the finest poesy of the Scriptures, and are rising toward the mightiest dominion that botany ever recognized, reigned over by the most imperial tree that ever swayed a leafy scepter—the Lebanon cedar; a tree eulogized in my text as having grown from a nut put into the ground by God Himself, and no human hand had anything to do with its planting: "The trees of Lebanon which He had planted."

The average height of this mountain is seven thousand feet, but in one place it lifts its head to an altitude of ten thousand. No higher than six thousand feet can vegetation exist, but below that line at the right season are vineyards and orchards and olive groves and flowers that dash the mountain side with a very carnage of color and fill the air with aromatics that Hosea, the prophet, and Solomon, the king, celebrated as "the smell of Lebanon." At a height of six thousand feet is a grove of cedars, the only descendants of those vast forests from which Solomon cut his timber for the temple of Jerusalem, and where at one time there were one hundred thousand axmen hewing out the beams from which great cities were constructed. But this nation of trees has by human iconoclasm been massacred until only a small group is left. This race of giants is nearly extinct, but I have no doubt that some of these were here when Hiram, King of Tyre, ordered the assassinatian of these cedars of Lebanon which the Lord planted. From the multitude of uses to which it may be put and the employment of it in the Scriptures, the cedar is the divine favorite. When the plains to be seen from the window of this stage in which we ride to-day are parched under summer heats, and not a grass blade survives the fervidity, this tree stands in luxuriance defying the summer sun. And when the storms of winter terrify the earth and hurl the rocks in avalanche down this mountain side, this tree grapples the hurricane of snow in triumph and leaves the spent fury at its feet. From sixty to eighty feet high are they, the horizontal branches of great sweep, with their burden of leaves needle shaped, the top of the tree pyramidal, a throne of foliage on which might and splendor and glory sit. But so continuously has the extermination of trees gone on that for the most part the mountains of Lebanon are bare of foliage, while, I am sorry to say, the earth in all lands is being likewise denuded.

The ax is slaying the forests all round the earth. To stop the slaughter God opened the coal mines of England and Scotland and America and the world, practically saying by that, "Here is fuel; as far as possible let My trees alone." And by opening for the human race the great quarries of granite and showing the human family how to make brick, God is practically saying, "Here is building material; let My trees alone." We had better stop the axes among the Adirondacks. We had better stop the axes in all our forests, as it would have been better for Syria if the axes had long ago been stopped among the mountains of Lebanon. To punish us for our reckless assault on the forests we have the disordered seasons, and now the droughts because the uplifted arms of the trees do not pray for rain, their presence according to all scientists disposing the descent of the showers, and then we have the cyclones and the hurricanes multiplied in number and velocity because there is nothing to prevent their awful sweep.

Plant the trees in your parks that the weary may rest under them. Plant them along your streets, that up through the branches passers by may see the God who first made the trees and then made man to look at them. Plant them along the brooks, that under them the children may play. Plant them in your gardens, that as in Eden the Lord may walk there in the cool of the day. Plant them in cemeteries, their shade like a mourner's veil, and their leaves sounding like the rustle of the wings of the departed. Let Arbor Day, or the day for the planting of trees, recognized by the Legislatures of many of the States, be observed by all our people, and the next one hundred years do as much in planting these leafy glories of God as the last one hundred years have accomplished in their destruction. When, not long before his death, I saw on the banks of the Hudson in his glazed cap, riding on horseback, George P. Morris, the great song writer of America, I found him grandly emotional, and I could understand how he wrote "Woodman, spare that tree!" the verses of which many of us have felt like quoting in belligerent spirit, when under the stroke of some one without sense or reason we saw a beautiful tree prostrated.

As we rode along on these the mountains of Lebanon, we bethink how its cedars spread their branches and breathe their aroma and cast their shadows all through the Bible. Solomon discoursed about them in his botanical works, when he spoke of trees "from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall." The Psalmist says, "The righteous shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon," and in one his magnificent doxologies calls on the cedars to praise the Lord. And Solomon says the countenance of Christ is excellent as the cedars, and Isaiah declares, "The day of the Lord shall be upon all the cedars of Lebanon." And Jeremiah and Ezekiel and Amos and Zephaniah and Zechariah weave its foliage into their sublimest utterances.

As we ride over Lebanon to-day there is a howling wind sweeping past and a dash of rain, all the better enabling us to appreciate that description of a tempest which no doubt was suggested by what David had seen with his own eyes among these heights, for as a soldier he carried his wars clear up to Damascus, and such a poet as he, I warrant, spent many a day on Lebanon. And perhaps while he was seated on this very rock against which our carriage jolts, he writes that wonderful description of a thunder storm: "The voice of the Lord is powerful. The voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon. Yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon. He maketh them also to skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn. The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire."

As the lion is the monarch of the fields and behemoth the monarch of the waters, the cedar is the monarch of the trees. And I think one reason why it is so glorified all up and down the Bible is because we need more of its characteristics in our religious life. We have too much of the willow, and are easily bent this way or that; too much of the aspen, and we tremble under every zephyr of assault; too much of the bramble tree, and our sharp points sting and wound; but not enough of the cedar, wide branched and heaven aspiring and tempest grappling. But the reason these cedars stand so well is that they are deep rooted. They run their anchors down into the caverns of the mountain and fasten to the very foundations of the earth, and twist around and clinch themselves on the other side of the deepest layer of rock they can reach. And that is the difference between Christians who stand and the Christians who fall. It is the difference between a superficial character and one that has clutched its roots deep down around and under the Rock of Ages.

One of the Lebanon cedars was examined by a scientist, and from its concentric circles it was found to be thirty-five hundred years old and still standing, and there is such a thing as everlasting strength, and such a stanchness of Christian character that all time and all eternity, instead of being its demolition shall be its opportunity. Not such are those vacillating Christians who are so pious on Sunday that they have no religion left for the week day. As the anaconda gorges itself with food, and then seems for a long while to lie thoroughly insensible, so there are men who will on Sunday get such a religious surfeit that the rest of the week they seem thoroughly dead to all religious emotion. They weep in church under a charity sermon, but if on Monday a subject of want presents itself at the door the beggar's safety will depend entirely on quick limbs and an unobstructed stairway. It takes all the grace they can get to keep them from committing assault and battery on those intruders who come with pale faces and stories of distress and subscription papers. The reason that God planted these cedars in the Bible was to suggest to us that we ought, in our religious character, to be deep like the cedar, high like the cedar, broad branched as the cedar. A traveler measured the spread of the boughs of one of these trees and found it one hundred and eleven feet from branch tip to branch tip, and I have seen cedars of Christian character that through their prayers and charities put out one branch to the uttermost parts of America, and another branch to the uttermost parts of Asia, and these wide branched Christians will keep on multiplying until all the earth is overshadowed with mercy.

But mark you, these cedars of Lebanon could not grow if planted in mild climates and in soft air and in carefully watered gardens. They must have the gymnasium of the midnight hurricane to develop their arms. They must play the athlete with a thousand winters before their feet are rightly planted and their foreheads rightly lifted and their arms rightly muscled. And if there he any other way for developing strong Christian character except by storms of trouble, I never heard of it. Call the roll of martyrs, call the roll of the prophets, call the roll of the apostles and see which of them had an easy time of it. Which of these cedars grew in the warm valley? Not one of them. Honeysuckles thrive best on the south side of the house, but cedars in a Syrian whirlwind.

Men and women who hear this or read this, instead of your grumbling because you have it hard, thank God that you are in just the best school for making heroes and heroines. It is true both for this world and the next. Rock that baby in a cradle cushioned and canopied; graduate him from that into a costly high chair and give him a gold spoon; send him to school wrapped in furs enough for an Arctic explorer; send him through a college where he will not have to study in order to get a diploma because his father is rich; start him in a profession where he begins with an office, the floor covered with Axminster, and a library of books in Russia morocco, and an armed chair upholstered like a throne, and an embroidered ottoman upon which to put his twelve-dollar gaiters, and then lay upon his table the best ivory cigarholder you can import from Brussels and have standing obtside his door a prancing span that won the prize at the horse fair, ann leave him estate enough independent of all struggle, and what will become of him? If he do not die early of inanition or dissipation he will live a useless life, and die an unlamented death, and go into a fool's eternity.

A Lebanon cedar! John Milton on his way up to the throne of the world's sacred poesy must sell his copyright of "Paradise Lost" for $72 in three payments. And William Shakespeare on his way up to be acknowledged the greatest dramatist of all ages must hold horses at the door of the London theatre for a sixpence, and Homer must struggle through total blindness to immortality, and John Bunyan must cheer himself on the way up by making a flute out of his prison stool, and Canova, the sculptor, must toil on through orphanage modeling a lion in butter before he could cut his statues in marble. And the great Stephenson must watch cows in the field for a few pennies and then become a stoker, and afterward mend clocks before he puts the locomotive on its track and calls forth plaudits from parliaments and medals from kings. Abel Stevens is picked up a neglected child of the street, and rises through his consecrated genius to be one of the most illustrious clergymen and historians of the century. And Bishop Janes of the same church in boyhood worked his passage from Ireland to America, and up to a usefulness where, in the bishopric, he was second to no one who ever adorned it.

While in banishment Xenophon wrote his "Anabasis" and Thucydides his "History of the Peloponnesian War," and Victor Hugo must be exiled for many years to the island of Guernsey before he can come to that height in the affections of his countrymen that crowds Champs Elysees and the adjoining boulevards with one million mourners as his hearse rolls down to the Church of the Madeleine. Oh, it is a tough old world, and it will keep you back and keep you down and keep you under as long as it can! Hail sons and daughters of the fire!

Thirty years from now the foremost men in all occupations and professions will be those who are this hour in awful struggle of early life, many of them without five dollars to their name. So in spiritual life it takes a course of bereavements, persecution, sicknesses and losses to develop stalwart Christian character. I got a letter a few days ago saying: "I have hardly seen a well day since I was born, and I could not write my own name until I was 50 years of age, and I am very poor; but I am, by the grace of God, the happiest man in Chicago."

The Bible speaks of the snows of Lebanon, and at this season of the year the snows there must be tremendous. The deepest snow ever seen in America would be insignificant compared with the mildest winter of snows on those Lebanon mountains. The cedars catch that skyful of crystals on their brow and on their long arms. Piled up in great heaps are those snows, enough to crush other trees to the ground, splitting the branches from the trunk and leaving them rent and torn, never to rise. But what do the cedars care for these snows on Lebanon? They look up to the winter skies and say: "Snow on! Empty the white heavens upon us, and when this storm is passed let other processions of tempest try to bury us in their fury. We have for five hundred winters been accustomed to this, and for the next five hundred winters we will cheerfully take all you have to send, for that is the way we develop our strength, and that is the way we serve God and teach all ages how to endure and conquer." So I say: Good cheer to all people who are snowed under! Put your faith in God and you will come out gloriously. Others may be stunted growths, or weak junipers on the lower levels of spirituality, but you are going to be Lebanon cedars. At last it will be said of such as you: "These are they who came out of great tribulation and had their robes washed and made white in the blood of the lamb."

But while crossing over these mountains of Lebanon I bethink myself of what an exciting scene it must be when one of the cedars does fall. It does not go down like other trees with a slight crackle that hardly makes the woodsman look up, or a hawk flutter from a neighboring bough. When a cedar falls it is the great event in the calendar of the mountains. The axmen fly. The wild beasts slink to their dens. The partridges swoop to the valley for escape. The neighboring trees go down under the awful weight of the descending monarch. The rocks are moved out of their places, and the earth trembles as from miles around all ravines send back their sympathetic echoes. Crash! crash! crash! So when the great cedars of the worldly or Christian influence fall it is something terrific. Within the past few years how many mighty and overtopping men have gone down! There seems now to be an epidemic of moral disaster. The moral world, the religious world, the political world, the commercial world, are quaking with the fall of Lebanon cedars. It is awful. We are compelled to cry out with Zachariah, the prophet. "Howl, fir trees, for the cedar is fallen!" Some of the smaller trees are glad of it. When some great dealer in stocks goes down the small dealers clap their hands and say, "Good for him!" When a great political leader goes down the small politicians clap their hands and say, "Just as I expected!" When a great minister of religion falls many little ministers laugh up their sleeves and think themselves somehow advantaged. Ah, beloved brethren, no one makes anything out of moral shipwreck. Not a willow by the rivers of Damascus, not a sycamore on the plains of Jericho, not an olive tree in all Palestine is helped by the fall of a Lebanon cedar. Better weep and pray and tremble and listen to Paul's advice to the Galatians when he says, "Considering thyself lest thou also be tempted." No man is safe until he is dead unless he be divinely protected. A greater thinker than Lord Francis Bacon the world never saw, and he changed the world's mode of thinking for all time—his "Novum Organum" a miracle of literature. With $38,000 salary and estates worth millions and from the highest judicial bench of the world, he goes down under the power of bribery and confessed his crime and was sentenced to the Tower and the scorn of centuries. Howl, fir tree, for the cedar is fallen!

In my journey up and down Palestine and Syria nothing more impressed me than the trees—the terebinths, the sycamores, the tamarisks, the oleanders, the mulberrys, the olives, the myrtles, the palms, the cedars—all of them explanatory of so much of the Scriptures. And the time is coming when, through an improved arboriculture, the round world shall be circumferenced, engirdled, embosomed, emparadised in shade trees and fruit trees and flower trees. Isaiah declares in one place, "The glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it;" and in another place: "All the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree. Instead of the briar shall come up the myrtle tree." Oh, grandest arborescence of all time. Begin! Begin!

Oh, I am so glad that the holy land of heaven, like the holy land of Palestine and Syria, is a great place for trees, an orchard of them, a grove of them, a forest of them St. John saw them along the streets, and on both sides of the river, and every month they yielded a great crop of fruit. You know what an imposing appearance trees give to a city on earth, but how it exalts my idea of heaven when St. John describes the city on high as having its streets and its rivers lined with them. Oh, the trees! the trees! The jasper walls, the fountains, the temples were not enough. There would have been something wanting yet. So to complete all that pomp and splendor I behold the up branching trees of life. Not like those stripped trees now around us, which like banished minstrels through the long winter night, utter their dolorous lament, or in the blast moan like lost spirits wandering up and down the gale, their leaf shall never wither. Whether you walk on the banks of the river you will be under trees, or by the homes of martyrs under trees, or by the heavenly temple under trees, or along the palace of the King's immortal under trees. "Blessed are they that do His commandments that they may have right to the tree of life." Stonewall Jackson's dying utterance was beautifully suggestive, "Let us cross over and lie down under the trees!"

GROUND TO PIECES.

Contractor Todd, His Wife and Daughter Killed by a Train.

T. T. Todd and wife of South Minneapolis, Minn., and their daughter, wife of Master Mechanic Slayton, of the Kansas City Road, were run down and instantly killed by a St. Paul and Omaha passenger train at the State University station on a recent morning. They were in the act of boarding a Great Northern train when the Omaha train came in on an adjoining track at a terrific speed.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd were ground to pieces under the engine, their bodies being mutilated almost beyond recognition. Mrs. Slayton was caught by the cowcatcher and hurled a distance of nearly twenty feet into the air, her body falling against a passenger coach of the Great Northern train. The bodies of the victims were scattered along the track for a distance of nearly one hundred feet, and it was some time after they were collected that their identification was fixed. Mr. Todd was a prominent contractor at Sioux City.

THREE TRAMPS PERISH.

Burned to Death in a Barn They Had Set on Fire.

Three tramps paid the penalty of smoking in a barn in Illinois on a recent night. They entered the large barn belonging to John Bridsen, of Brimfield, and sought shelter in the hay loft. It is supposed they smoked before going to sleep, and dropped a spark in the hay. The barn with all its contents and the three tramps were totally destroyed. No one knows who the men were or where they came from.

CONSIDERABLE stir has been created in England by the report that King Kalakaua proposes to sell his kingdom to the United States. The English have important interests in Hawaii and have long been suspected of an annexation plot themselves.

SABBATH SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR DECEMBER 21.

Lesson Text: "Jesus's Parting Words," Luke xxiv., 44-53—Golden Text: John xiv., 3—Commentary.

44. "And He said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you while I was yet with you." He is no longer with them as when in His mortal body. He is the same Jesus as He has proved by walking, talking, eating with them, allowing them to handle Him; but while all this is grandly true, yet He has ceased to belong to the earth in its present state (I mean only as to abiding upon it), for the immortal and incorruptible does not yet dwell on earth.

"That all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms concerning Me." Here is the only key to all Scripture, Jesus himself. Observe that all things written concerning Him must be fulfilled.

45. "Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures." As He is the key to all Scripture, so He also by His Spirit is the only Teacher.

46. "And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day." Jesus in all His teaching appealed to the Scriptures, saying: "It is written," or "What is written, how readest thou?" And now He repeats what He had said to the two on the way to Emmaus, that, according to the Scriptures, the Christ must die and rise again the third day. Believers who now see only a Saviour who died for their sins and rose again, to the exclusion of His return to establish the kingdom of David, are as blind as were these disciples and with far less excuse, for we have a more full revelation from God and we live after Pentecost.

47. "And that repentance, and remission of sins, should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." This the apostles faithfully preached. "Him hath God exalted with His right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins" (Acts v., 31). Thus preached Peter to Jews only, before he received the vision which sent him to Gentiles also. "Through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins, and by Him all that believe are justified from all things" (Acts xiii., 38, 39). Thus preached Paul to both Jews and Gentiles at Antioch in Pisidia. Repentance and forgiveness of sins was nothing new in the way of preaching, for "To Him give all the prophets witness, that through His name whosoever believeth in Him shall receive remission of sins" (Acts x., 43). But repentance and forgiveness to Gentiles as well as to Jews, and on equal terms—faith only—without circumcision or the ceremonies of the Mosaic ritual, was a new thing.

48. "And ye are witnesses of these things." Or as it is written in Acts i., 8: "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Unto Israel God had said: "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God" (Isa. xliii., 10, 12). It is considered an honorable and very desirable position to be a representative of a country or a government at a foreign court. God chose Israel from among all the nations of the earth to be His witness to all nations that He is the one only living and true God, but while a faithful remnant stood for Him, the majority of the people failed to honor God, but sadly dishonored Him, and made His name a reproach. The apostles were chosen to go forth in the name of Jesus, and be living His life over again, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, to win to Christ, such as might believe on Him through their word. The Acts of the Apostles tell how faithfully they did this. Christians are still expected to be witnesses unto Christ, and thus win others to Him, and hasten His return.

49. "And behold I send the promise of my Father upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." It is not possible for the natural man to please God (Rom. viii., 7, 8); he must be born again or from above (John iii., 3, 5, 7). It is just as impossible for the new man to be a faithful witness unto Christ except by the power of the Holy Spirit; and here is where all the failure in Christian life and service comes in.

50. "And He led them out as far as to Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them." During forty days He had showed Himself alive at various times to various individuals or companies of His followers on ten or twelve different occasions, and always speaking of the things pertaining to the Kingdom of God (Acts i., 3). But now the last time has come, and He is about to leave them to appear no more on the earth till His feet shall stand again on that same Mount of Olives when He comes in power and glory, bringing His saints with Him (Zech. xiv., 4. 4; 1 Thess. iii., 13). And even as His first sermon began with blessing, so His last act ere He finally ascends is to bless these His disciples.

51. "And it came to pass while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into heaven." Gradually He ascended from their midst, until a cloud received Him out of their sight, and He was seen of them no more. As Stephen was dying he saw heaven open, and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God. As Saul of Tarsus journeyed to Damascus Jesus spoke to him from heaven and appeared to him. And again to John on Patmos Jesus appeared in vision. But since He visibly ascended from the Mount of Olives He has not, as far as we know, appeared on earth, as He did at various times during those forty days after the resurrection.

52. "And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy." When they were so sad at His death, because He had not redeemed Israel as they expected He would have done, how is it that they are now full of great joy when He has gone again and the Kingdom had not yet come? Some tell us that now they understood, as they did not before, that He had come, not to restore the Kingdom to Israel, but to set a spiritual kingdom in the hearts of men. This is a mere fabrication of man, and it is not only without foundation in Scripture, but is contrary to all Scripture. The true reason of their joy is found in the message of the angels who stood by them after He ascended, and said, "This same Jesus which is taken up from you into Heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven" (Acts i., 11).

53. "And they were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen." May such be the end of each chapter of our spiritual life, the end of each day and of each week till we see Him. May our days begin and end with praise to God for giving unto us His dear Son, His unspeakable gift, and the great redemption which is in Him. May we be filled with the Spirit, so as to be His faithful witnesses even unto death, and may we each day be found eagerly longing for and expecting His return. Let our hearts say, "I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall be continually in my mouth." "My meditation of Him shall be sweet; I will be glad in the Lord." (Ps. xxxiv., 1; civ., 34).—*Lesson Helper.*

$2,000,000 FOR EDUCATION.

Millionnaire Fayerweather Makes Many Public Bequests.

The will of the late Daniel B. Fayerweather of the firm of Fayerweather & Ladew, leather merchants, of New York City, has been admitted for probate. The will, which was dated October 6, 1884, together with four codicils, was filed at the Surrogate's office. The will contains an unusually large number of bequests for colleges and hospitals. The amount given away for educational purposes alone will exceed $2,000,000.

The following is a copy of the bequests to public institutions:

Presbyterian Hospital	$25,000
St. Luke's Hospital	25,000
Manhattan Eye and Ear Infirmary	25,000
Woman's Hospital	10,000
Mount Sinai Hospital	10,000
Bowdoin College	100,000
Amherst College	100,000
Williams College	100,000
Dartmouth College	100,000
Weslevan University	100,000
Yale University, for the Sheffield Scientific School	300,000
Columbia College	200,000
Union Theological Seminary, for the endowment of cadetships	50,000
Hamilton College	100,000
Cornell University	200,000
Lafayette College	50,000
Lincoln University	100,000
University of Virginia	100,000
University of Rochester	100,000
Hampton University	100,000
Maryville College	100,000
Marietta College	50,000
Adelbert College	50,000
Wabash College	50,000
Park College	50,000
Total	$2,195,000

Daniel B. Fayerweather was born of old Connecticut stock at Stepney, Conn., in 1821. He learned the shoemaking trade, and until he was thirty-three years old was a poor man.

WADE HAMPTON BEATEN.

J. L. M. Irby Elected United States Senator From South Carolina.

The election of J. L. M. Irby to succeed Wade Hampton as United States Senator from South Carolina has fallen like a thunder clap out of a clear sky.

The General Assembly on the second ballot cast the following vote for a successor to Senator Hampton: Irby (Farmers' Movement), 66; Donaldson (Alliance man), 53; Hampton, 37; Hemphill, 1.

On the fourth ballot J. L. M. Irby was elected. The vote stood: Irby, 105; Donaldson, 10; Hampton, 42.

John Laurens Manning Irby was born at Laurens, S. C., September 10, 1854. He attended the University of Virginia and afterward Princeton. Leaving there, he read law for three years under Judge McIvers, but practised his profession only two years. Since then he has lived on his plantation and farmed successfully near Laurens. He took part in the memorable Hampton campaign of 1876. When he entered the political arena four years ago he at once became a prominent leader. While giving proper attention to his farming interests he espoused the cause of the farmers' movement at its inception, and was an ardent admirer of Captain B. R. Tillman.

A great many people have crape on their coat sleeves at Charleston and Columbia mourning for Hampton's defeat and Irby's election.

WALL'S AWFUL CRIME.

He Murders His Wife and Brother-in-Law and Kills Himself.

One of the worst tragedies that ever occurred in North Carolina happened the other evening at Henrietta Mills, a short distance from Charlotte. Eighteen months ago Halaway Wall married Miss Eva Haynes, one of the most popular girls in the State, and a member of one of the most widely known families in the South.

The couple moved out West and lived together for eight or nine months, when domestic trouble caused them to part. Mrs. Wall returned to North Carolina to her old home and nothing was heard of her husband until the fatal day, when he came to Forest City, hired a conveyance and went out to the home of his wife.

They met near the old home where he but a short while before had taken her to be his wife. As she approached him Wall drew a large pistol and fired three times. Each shot took effect in his wife's head. She fell to the ground dead.

Mrs. Wall's brother came up about the time of the last shot, and Wall turned and shot him through the body. Wall then jumped into his conveyance and drove about two miles from his wife's home, when he placed his pistol to his heart and fired. He was found in the road soon afterward, dead, with his pistol still in his hand.

A BRAKEMAN'S GRIT.

Hurled Into a River He Swam Ashore and Saved a Passenger Train.

While a westbound fast freight was rounding a curve on the Jersey Central road near Bethlehem, Penn., the other morning several planks fell from the car to the eastbound track. An eastbound fast freight crashed into them and was derailed, throwing both trains into the canal. Fireman Rinkers was seriously and Brakeman Kist fatally injured. Another brakeman was hurled fifty feet through the air into the Lehigh River.

He swam to the shore and hurried to the tracks in time to flag the New York flyer, which is the fastest passenger train on the road, and was heavily loaded. The tracks were blocked for several hours.

A GEORGIA HURRICANE.

Houses Blown Down and People Buried in the Ruins.

Near Munroe, Walton County, Georgia, a hurricane cleared a space several miles long and about one hundred yards wide, blowing down houses and killing several people. Jack Henderson and his wife were buried beneath the ruins of their home. Henderson was killed, but his wife was not bady injured. Their baby was carried three hundred yards, and was so badly injured that it died soon after being found.

A family of colored people named Jackson were buried in the ruins of their cabin, and two of them were killed. Another house, containing seven colored people, was blown down, but all the occupants escaped unhurt.

MRS. SNELL, widow of the murdered Chicago millioniare, has renewed her offer of $50,000 reward for the arrest of Tascott.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKS

Important News Told by Late Dispat hes.

Two Female Students Burned to Death in Ohio.

A dispatch from Akron, Ohio, says: "At a birthday celebration in Buchtel College on a recent evening thirty lady students were gathered in the society's library building. They were entertained by eight others, who wore masks and loose flowing garments, with high hats covered with cotton. The hat of Miss A. Steigmyer, of Utica, N. Y., caught fire, and communicated to the entire party. Miss Mary Stevens, of Clifton Springs, N. Y., had every particle of clothing burned from her body, and rolled over and over in the centre of the room, where a little group tried to extinguish the flames. Miss Steigmyer was burned from head to foot. Both young women died subsequently. The others injured were Miss Mary Baker, of Johnson's Creek, N. Y.; Aurelia Warwick, Storm Lake, Iowa; Diana Haynes, Abeline, Kan.; Myrtle Baker, Peru, Ohio; Eva Dean, Storm Lake, Iowa; Addie Buchtel, Columbia, Kan., niece of John R. Buchtel, of this city, founder of the college; Estelle Mason, Magadore, Ohio; Dora Merrill, Williamsport, Penn.

"Brief services were held in the college chapel that afternoon, and the body of Miss Steigmyer was taken to Utica accompanied by her parents and four members of her class. Mary Baker, of Johnson's Creek, N. Y., and Aurelia Warwick, of Storm Lake, Iowa, are the most seriously injured of the surviving members of the purty, but physicians say there is no immediate danger. The fall term of the college ends next Thursday, but recitations will be abandoned, and many young women are packing their trunks for home."

In a Fiery Furnace.

Eli Thornton, colored, and his wife, of Greenville, Miss., went on a visit to a neighbor near Refuge Log, about ten miles distant, leaving their four children, the eldest being about seven, locked in their cabin.

Toward evening the parents started homeward, and when nearing their cabin were horrified to see it in flames. The frantic parents rushed to the rescue, and as they neared the house could hear the agonizing cries of their children among the flames, which by this time had enveloped their humble home.

Thornton burst open the door and rushed in, followed by the frenzied mother, but both were driven back by the flames and smoke which came pouring out.

The cabin, with everything within it, was consumed. When the flames subsided the parents began a search for their little ones. The four charred remains were found huddled together in a corner.

Murdered by Indians.

The Indians attacked the ranch of John Dailey on the Cheyenne River, between French and Battle Creeks, in South Dakota on a recent morning. Three Indians were killed and one pony with war equipment was captured.

Two white men, Jack Bridges and Burk Robinson, were killed by Apaches in the Guadaloupe Mountains in Arizona. Bridges discovered some freshly killed meat, and went to Hall's ranch to notify the men there. Then, in compony with Robinson and another man, they went to the place where the meat was found to investigate the matter.

They had just arrived at the spot when they were fired upon by the Indians. They returned the fire and attempted to escape, but were surrounded, and two of them soon fell. The other man escaped after being grazed by a bullet, which made a slight scalp wound, and reported the result.

Four Deaths at a Crossing.

A horrible accident occurred at Bristol, Penn., at half-past four the other afternoon. The New York west bound train, while running at a rate of fifty miles an hour, struck an express wagon containing three men and three boys. Four of them were instantly killed and two were not expected to recover from their injuries.

The names of the killed are: Hugh Dever, Joseph Hussey, Joseph Johnson, Joseph McIlvaine. John McElvaine, one of the men, and Johnnie McKee, a boy, are the names of the injured.

The accident was supposed to be due to the negligence of the gatekeeper in allowing the gates to be up while a train was passing. Much feeling was expressed against the gateman, and the Coroner placed him under arrest.

Cholera in Guatemala.

The steamer San Juan, just arrived at San Francisco, Cal., from Panama, brings news of ravages of cholera in Guatemala. More than 12,000 cases are reported in the State, and 1200 deaths occurred in the city of Guatemala in seven weeks. The steamer passed without touching, in order to avoid quarantine.

SCULPTOR BOEHM DEAD.

Found Lifeless in His Studio Chair by the Princess Louise.

Joseph Edgar Boehm, the sculptor, died suddenly in his studio in London, England, the other evening. He was engaged on a bust of Princess Louise, and the Princess had called at the studio in relation to the work. Upon entering the place she found the dead body of the artist reclining in a chair.

Mr. Boehm was born in Vienna in 1834. He had resided in England since 1862, and was elected an Associate of the Royal Academy of London in 1878. He executed a colossal statue in marble of the Queen for Windsor Castle in 1869, bronze statuettes of the Prince of Wales and all the Royal family and a colossal statue at Bedford of John Bunyan in 1872. He also executed a colossal equestrian statue of the Prince of Wales for Bombay in 1877, a statue of Thomas Carlyle and a marble statue of King Leopold of Belgium for St. George's Chapel at Windsor. The Government gave him the order to execute the statue of Lord Beaconsfield for Westminster Abbey He also made statuettes of Thackeray, John Leech, Millais and others.

SECRETARY TRACY has decided upon the names of six of the new ships of the navy. The cruiser building at the Brooklyn Navy Yard will be known as the Cincinnati. Her sister, building at Norfolk, will be known as the Raleigh. The two battleships building at the William Cramp & Sons' yard, Philadelphia, will be styled, No. 1, the Indiana, and No. 2, the Massachusetts. The battleship building at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, Cal., will be known as the Oregon.

IT is said that the first of next January will in all probability see the end of the use of natural gas for manufacturing purposes, as the supply is practically exhausted.

THE LABOR WORLD.

GERMANY has metal railroad ties.

PRUSSIA'S princes are learning trades.

NEW YORK sailmakers want $3.50 and nine hours.

PENNSYLVANIA mines employ 163,000 workingmen.

ALL the window glass factories in the country are union shops.

THE Italian Government will propose an act pensioning all good workmen.

SAN FRANCISCO (Cal.) sailors work overtime for seventy-five cents an hour.

THE International Brotherhood of Brassworkers is in a flourishing condition.

THE Childs-Drexel Home Fund for Invalid Printers increased $1913.68 in November.

BOSTON (Mass.) unions want New York tenement goods excluded from that State.

NICKEL-PLATE road hands at Cleveland, Ohio, got an advance of twenty cents a day.

IN France, the section hands on the railway lines work under umbrellas in wet weather.

RAILWAY workers of Great Britain are petitioning for a nine-hour day and an advance of wages.

NEW YORK shoe salesmen want stores closed at 8 o'clock, and 10,000 people have signed their petition.

THE laborers employed by the various Boston (Mass.) city departments receive $2 a day for their labor.

DURING the past year the Switchmen's Mutual Aid Society paid $76,000 for death and disability claims.

THE salary of the Secretary of the Maryland Federation of Labor has been reduced from $25 to $20 per week.

TWO skilled machinists have obtained quite a reputation by converting coins, buttons and similar objects into boxes.

THE total number of strikes in the United States during November was thirty-three, in which 21,717 persons were involved.

THE Brooklyn (N. Y.) Workmen's Cremation Society has been organized with twenty-five members and Charles Arnold as Secretary.

THE force of men at Krupp's foundry at Essen, Germany, has had to be again increased in order to hurry on the completion of orders for "great guns."

SWAN GUSTAFSON, while shoveling dirt at $1.10 a day for the Illinois Central at Cherokee, Iowa, received notice that he had fallen heir to one-sixth of an estate of $3,000,000 at Philadelphia.

THE labor organizations of London are demanding that the County Council should make the surface roads and omnibus lines the property of the community. A similar agitation is going on in Paris.

NO PLEURO-PNEUMONIA.

Annual Report of the Bureau of Animal Industry.

The report of the Bureau of Animal Industry, recently sent to the United State Senate, shows that during the last year no discovery has been made of contagious pleuro-pneumonia outside of the districts which were infected last year. The eradication of the disease, says the report, has been most rapid since April, and a most gratifying improvement in the condition of cattle throughout the country is noted. Regarding cattle shipped aboard, the report says the practically complete success of the work of eradication of the disease from the United States removes the cause alleged by foreign Governments for the exclusion of American cattle from their countries.

Touching the question of inoculation and the discovery of bacillus of tuberculosis by Dr. Koch, the report says that the possibility of applying bacterial products to the prevention and cure of diseases was first made evident by the investigations of the Bureau of Animal Industry, and that if Dr. Koch's remedy is of the nature supposed his method consists in the application of a principle discovered here.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

JAPAN has a woolen mill.

FLORIDA is infested with tramps.

TIN has been discovered in Texas.

A YELLOW pine trust has been organized.

DIPHTHERIA is epidemic at Indianapolis, Ind.

CALIFORNIA is buried under a foot of snow.

DUELLING continues very frequent in Italy.

THE Hebrews in France number about 130,000.

YELLOW FEVER is epidemic at Vera Cruz, Mexico.

GREAT suffering is reported among Kansas farmers.

TROUBLE is again threatened between England and Portugal.

GREAT destitution is reported among settlers in Oklahoma.

THERE are over 1,000,000 men under arms in the British Empire.

GERMANY has officially recognized the United States of Brazil.

GOLD has been discovered on Sampson's Hill, near Columbus, Ind.

THE last bank failure in the city of Baltimore was in the year 1837.

ILLINOIS raised 160,000,000 bnshels of corn this year on 6,150,000 acres.

THE new General Assembly of Missouri contains ninety-three farmers.

BERLIN continues to be the Mecca of thousands of consumptive pilgrims.

AUSTRALIA and France are both trying to get possession of the New Hebrides Islands.

A SYNDICATE of cattlemen has offered the Cherokees $10,000,000 for the Cherokee Strip.

IN a San Jacinto (Cal.) gold mine the other day one "pocket" yielded $2500 in two hours.

RAILROADS now run through all but twelve of the ninety-six counties of North Carolina.

THE discovery has been made that Chinese are landed at San Francisco, Cal., at $170 per head.

POWESHEIK COUNTY, Iowa, has paid for the killing of 125,000 gophers since the first of March.

TELEPHONE connection has been established between Heligoland and the German port of Cuxhaven.

THE German Methodists in this country have built and dedicated forty churches since the first of the year.

ENGLISH capitalists have bought 5,000,000 acres of land in the Sequatchee Valley, Tennessee, for $5,000,000.

THE census reports show that the people of the United States are carrying mortgages for upwards of $850,000,000.

UNDER the railway system adopted in Hungary to travel a distance like that from New York to Chicago would cost $2.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

GENERAL SHERMAN is becoming hard of hearing.

HANNIBAL HAMLIN clings to the old black swallow-tail coat of ante-bellum days.

JAY GOULD, it is said, is and has been accumulating wealth at the rate of $12,000,000 a year.

THE wife of ex-Governor St. John, of Kansas, is drawing large audiences in the west as a lecturer.

THE widow of the late Count Maurice Esterhazy of Austria, has taken the veil as a Carmelite nun.

VON MOLTKE'S wife was an English girl, Mary Burt, and the old man spends an hour each day in meditation beside her tomb.

IT is said that United States Minister Reid expends $27,000 per annum for the rent of his house in Paris, which is $10,000 more than his total salary.

GENERAL SCHOFIELD, Commander-in-Chief of Uncle Sam's army, receives a salary of $13,000 a year, and his duties are merely nominal.

ONE interesting fact in connection with Cyrus Field's golden wedding, in New York City, was that the entire bridal party of 1840 was present.

EX-SENATOR THURMAN no longer uses snuff. He found that the constant titillation of his nose affected his eyes, and so he weaned himself from the snuff box.

AUSTIN CORBIN, the railroad millionaire and magnate, is a bald-headed, nervous man of fifty-five, who possesses indomitable energy. Fifteen years ago he was unheard of.

THE Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany is now in her thirty-first year. She is three months older and somewhat taller than the Emperor, but her hair and fresh complexion make her look younger.

VICE-PRESIDENT PROCTOR, of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, is reported to be worth $25,000,000. He shared the inventor's poverty with him and afterward married his daughter. Singer's original capital was $50, which grew to be $30,000,000.

AUGUST BELMONT'S entire estate, practically, is left to the widow and children in form of trusts. Small bequests are made to the partners and employes of the firm of August Belmont & Co. The horses are all to be sold.

DOCTOR KOCH was born December 11, 1843, at Clausthal, Germany, where he first attended school. From 1862 to 1866 he studed medicine at Goettingen; then, having become a professor of medicine, he commenced his practice at Posen.

IN the German army the Emperor is known as "Alarm Fritz," on account of his habit of rousing the garrisons in the middle of the night. In the navy he is known as "Gondola Billy," from "gondoling" about, as they call it, anywhere and everywhere.

TEN DROWNED.

A Steamer Strikes a Snag and Goes Down in Fifteen Minutes.

The steamer City of Baton Rouge, of the St. Louis Anchor line, while en route to New Orleans at Hermitage Landing, three miles from Port Hudson and 150 miles from New Orleans, about three o'clock on a recent afternoon, struck the same snag which sunk the Paris C. Brown in 1889 and sank in fifteen minutes.

The cabin and hurricane deck parted from the hull and floated away. The hull broke in two parts and sank out of sight in a few minutes.

Two deck passengers are known to be lost, and it was believed that eight others were also drowned.

The steamer was heavily laden, and her cargo is a total loss. She was uninsured, and was built at Jeffersonville, Ind., in 1882 at a cost of $104,000.

The Inflexible Will of Fasters.

"It is astonishing what feats a man can perform when impelled by an inflexible will, which nothing can swerve from the proposed goal. We hear of fasters who, like Succi, remain for several weeks without taking into their system any substance except pure water. In India there are men who go to even greater extremes. There can be found fasters who remain for several years without taking anything except some grains of rice and a little water. Some perform a still more wonderful feat; by means of a peculiar process of auto-hypnotization they succeed in suspending for the time being all the normal functions of active life. They stupefy, so to speak, the life of the body for an assigned period. They subsist without solid food and even deprive themselves of those liquid and gaseous elements which form our life. They taste no drop of water and draw no breath for several weeks.

"Indeed, if we are to believe the stories of such notable Europeans as Dr. Reyer, the famous German physiologist, Dr. Sierke, of Vienna, and Haeckel, the naturalist, these Voghis, of whom Ibn Kaldoun tells, can put themselves into a deathlike trance, which often lasts for several months."—*New York Herald.*

FOUR years ago, Miss Lena Woodard, living on Thorn Creek, Wash., sowed the seed from one head of barley. She harvested the crop with a pair of shears and sowed the amount received the next year, again harvesting it with her shears. The third crop her father cut with a grass scythe, getting enough of barley to sow forty acres last spring, which averaged forty bushels to the acre when thrashed, making a total yield of 1,600 bushels from one head of barlev in four vears.

THE probable value of all the diamonds in the world, according to a recent estimate, is about $1,000,000,000. The world's diamond trade is carried on by about 8,000 dealers, with a total stock of not far from $350,000,000. The stones are prepared for market by perhaps 4,500 cutters and polishers, principally in Amsterdam, Antwerp, Paris and the Jura.

AT Holly Springs, Ga., a dog fell into a well and staid there fourteen days before his owner found him. He was taken out and is doing well.

SCIENTIFIC SCRAPS.

The vegetation of the older portion of the globe seems much less explored than the unpeopled wastes of our own continent.

According to M. Bertillon's police detective photography the ear is the most important factor in the problem of identification.

The sun's mean distance from the earth is given at 92,393,000 miles. Its real diameter is 861,600 miles, and its rotation 25 1-4 days.

Electrical mining apparatus and the magnetic treatment of iron ores are exciting no small degree of interest among the mining engineers.

An invalid's chair propelled by electricity is among the late novelties. The battery is capable of propelling the chair over an ordinary road for nine hours at the rate of six miles per hour.

After forty years of immersion in the waters of the pool of Echoschacht, not far from Hermannstadt, several human bodies have been brought to the surface in a state of perfect preservation.

It has been suggested that a good way to rid a town of moths would be to set up a powerful electric light on the outskirts. The moth has an instinctive fondness for light, and especially the electric light.

A writer in the London spectator thinks that if parrots could be made to breed in captivity, the parent birds might teach their young to talk, just as the canaries teach their accomplishment to their little ones.

Some forty years ago it was thought the bamboo was to be found in Australia. Baron von Muller now writes that several species are certainly native there in different portions of the less explored localities. One is a climber, and grows over trees to a great height.

If a box six feet deep was filled with sea water and allowed to evaporate under the sun, there would be two inches of salt on the bottom. Taking the average depth of the ocean to be three miles, there would be a layer of pure salt 230 feet thick on the bed of the Atlantic.

Professor Holden of the Lick Observatory in California is said to have discovered on the moon parallel walls 200 feet thick on top and about 1200 feet apart. What they could have been for is not surmised, but it may as well be conjectured that they are walls as that the lines on Mars are canals.

Telegraph lines are subject to a great variety of pests. In Rio, Brazil, for example, there is an orchid that incrusts the wire and causes leakage. In Japan the large web of a spider, dripping with rain or dew, frequently interrups the traffic, while in Norway a large species of woodpecker raises havoc with the poles.

The nerves of the human body derive their origin from the medulla oblongata and medulla spinalis; there are forty pair of these nerves, nine originating from the medulla oblongata and thirty-one from the medulla spinalis; by "nerves" is meant a bundle of nervous fibres which are innumerable, about 3000 occupying an inch. It has been estimated that the human body contains at least 10,000,000 of nervous fibres.

Beggar Priests in Thibet.

It is no uncommon sight to see a priest in Thibet going about with four or five long iron skewers run through his forearm and little ribbons hanging therefrom, says a writer in the Century. Two whom I met had long iron rods running through their cheeks, and they had made oath to remove them only when they had collected a certain sum of money sufficient to repair their temples. One had had the iron rod through his face for nearly four months, living the while on soup and tea only. Another way of raising money is for a priest to take his seat in a block sentry-box and let himself be walled in leaving only a small window through which he can see and can pull a rope by which a big bell is sounded and the attention of passers-by attracted. Here he will sit for months. I have known one to remain in his box for nearly a year without being able to lie down or stand up, but apparently perfectly happy and always ready to have a bit of gossip.

CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

A LITTLE FACE AT THE WINDOW.

A little face in the window,
Two little feet tiptoe;
Eyes open wide as they peer outsid
In search of a form they know.

A face of weary wonder,
A little tongue all dumb,
While to and fro the people go,
But the right one doesn't come.

A little face transfigured,
A cry that is low and sweet,
And a merry laugh to telegraph
The joy to the tiny feet.

The face is gone from the window,
And, toddling over the floor,
He laughingly goes, for the baby knows
That somebody's at the door.

—[Columbus Dispatch.

A WISE GOOSE.

A goose over in Harrison county, Miss., was trying to hatch out a setting of eggs. Some of the eggs were precocious, it seems, and brought forth the goslings a day or so in advance of the others. And here was a dilemma. The young birds, most naturally, having just escaped from the confines of the shell wanted to go abroad and look among the tall grasses and then take a glance at the pond, but what could Mother Goose do; should she go forth with the hatched and neglect the coming generation of geese that were still within the shell? What did she do? Why she just slipped off her nest and took the impatient goslings to the gander, left them in his paternal care and returned to the eggs. Let us hope that they hatched, and that the goslings grew to be geese worthy of such a mother. However, our knowledge of the story ended before there was further development.—[Picayune.

SEA PARROTS.

Of all the odd-looking parrots in the world the puffin, or sea parrot, is certainly the oddest. Puffins are members of the Auk family and live in holes which they burrow in the edges of sandy cliffs beside the sea.

They are white-breasted, and black-backed, and have red and blue beaks, and red feet which give them a most singular appearance when they are flying.

All puffins are great fishers. They hover down along the water's edge and scoop up in their beaks the little fish which swim in shore.

As fast as a puffin gets a beak full he takes the fish up to the sand hole, where the little brood is waiting. When the puffins are not raising young they carry their prey just the same, from force of habit, probably, to their nests, and there devour it.

It is a comical sight to see hundreds of them waddling ashore with little fish hanging from their beaks.

As the puffin generally has his mouth full, he has no time to practice saying bad words, like his more civilized brothers.—[New York Journal.

BEARS.

A bear is an extremely awkward and ungainly looking creature, but when it starts after any one it wishes to catch it displays a quickness of motion which those who have been hunted by it declare to be amazing. And when it wants to get beetle-grubs out of the ground, ants out of their homes, honey out of a bee-tree, fruit from a slender bough, or bird's eggs out of a nest it shows itself to be as smart and skillful as any other animal that has to live by its wits. To get, for instance, at the beetle-grub, it scratches off the upper earth and sucks them up out of the ground.

When it wishes to empty an ant-hive it knocks the top off with its paws, applies its mouth to the central gallery of the nest, draws in its breath forcibly, thereby setting up such a current of air that all the unfortunate ants and their eggs come whirling up into its mouth like packets through a pneumatic tube. When robbing bees it does not get stung, and when after wild fruit or acorns it balances itself as cleverly on the branches of the trees as a rope-walker balances himself on a rope. Nor does it ever try to conceal what it is about. On the contrary, when sucking at an ant-hill or grub-hole, it makes such a noise that on a still evening it can be heard a quarter of a mile off, and when up a tree it goes smashing among the boughs, as though it thought bears owned all the trees in the world.—[Detroit Free Press.

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THE air ship is bound to come. A Mount Carmel (Illinois) company with $20,000,000 back of it announces that the ship which it is constructing, will within three weeks make the trip to St. Louis and thence to New York. It is built of aluminum and is propelled by electricity. It is to travel as much faster than express trains as the express trains exceed the speed of the old stage coach.

Saltillo.

Suuday morning, Dec. 14th, 1890, dawned upon us in great beauty and brilliancy, and it was a fitting tribute to the handiwork of man, the sending of such a day by our All Wise Creator, for it was the time set for the dedication of the M. E. church, and the raising of over six hundred dollars, in order that the church might be dedicated free of debt. Over four hundred dollars were raised at the morning services and the remaining $190 raised at night, together with ten dollars for the benefit of the officiating, assisting clergymen, Revs. Gilbert, Baldwin, and Stevens, who kindly asstsied the pastor, Rev. Leilich. I have heard many ministers speak, but I think I would give the palm to Rev. Gilbert, of Chambersburg. He won all hearts. His talk to the children impressed them deeply, and he handled his subjects in such a manner that perfect order and quiet prevailed. The children's offering amounted to over fifteen dollars, and a basket collection was taken np at morning and night services that all the fragments might be gathered and nothing be lost. The M. E. church is a neat structure and cost something over thirteen hundred dollars. The ministers said the people did "nobly, grandly, magnanimously and heroically." The Methodist people of our town will now have a church all their own and free of debt. The long metre doxology was sung by the congregation several times in enthusiastic tones after the dedication and close of the services.

Newton Fisher, of Clearfield, together with his wife and children, are visiting at the residence of his father, P. C.

Mrs. Linnie Hudson has returned home from a visit to her mother at Shirleysburg.

Henry Hudson met with the misfortune of spraining his back moving some rubbish from the cellar of his new house and is suffering from the effects.

Mrs. Rev. Burrows is visiting in Cole's valley.

Quite a number of strangers from Fulton county attended the dedication of the M. E. church.

It is thought by many that we have an excellent teacher this winter. I hope he will teach the young idea "how to sprout" and impress upon the minds of small boys the terrible effects produced by smoking and chewing tobacco.

It is said a doctor is here exhibiting skeletons and lecturing to ladies and gentlemen alternately. He also has some very amusing magic lantern exhibitions and some very good ones, so I am told. Some of the school girls who went after school to see the bones of a "dead murderer" as they said have been afraid of their own shadow ever since and you could not pay them to go again.

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JAMES E. McCNAHY.
Dec. 6, 1890.

ESTRAY NOTICE.—Came to the premises of Michael Querry, in Union township, about the 15th of October, a red, short horn bull. No marks. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away. Otherwise he will be disposed of according to law.

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LOCAL NOTES.

—It will soon be time to swear off.

—Christmas opening at Logan's today.

—Christmas services will be held in the M. E. church Christmas morning.

—Don't suffer with indigestion, use Baxter's Mandrake Bitters.

—Rev. C. L. Benscoter will preach in the M. E. church next Sunday morning.

—Only eight days until Christmas. Visions of Santa Claus dance o'er the juvenile mind.

—Miss Lizzie Lindsay, of Dudley, has organized a class in ornamental painting at this place. Her work is excellent.

—During the prevalence of the wind storm last Wednesday night a portion of the stack at the Mapleton steam mills was blown off.

—Samuel Spangler and wife left last Saturday morning for Williamsport, Pa., where they will spend several weeks with their daughter.

—A spring chicken, which dressed for the boiler, weighed 5½ pounds was killed by Mrs. W. H. Rex last week. A good sized young fowl.

—Miss Nettie McLaughlin left last Saturday for Middletown, where she intends spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. John M. White.

—Mrs. W. A. Potts was summoned Saturday to Juniata county to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Jacob Brandt, who is lying at the point of death.

—Mrs. Belle Brown and son, of Hustontown, and Miss Clara Gosnell, of Waterfall Mills, Fulton county, are guests of George Godard and wife.

—John Graham, who has been afflicted with paralysis during the past year, has for the past three weeks been very ill. His friends fear another stroke.

—The reason why Arnica & Oil Liniment is so popular with the ladies is because it not only is very healing and soothing but its odor is not all offensive.

—An indelible pencil in a gold and ebony (imitation) holder was found last Sunday. The owner can have the same by calling at this office and proving property.

—Mrs. Sarah J. Yocum left Tuesday morning of last week on an extended visit to friends in Indiana, Illinois, and other parts of the west. The ITEM wishes her a pleasant visit and a safe return.

—C. L. Lynn and Alvin Decker, of Union township, are jurymen this week. The jury on Monday went to Juniata Bridge, under charge of Sheriff Wilson, as a jury of view in the case of Cohen vs the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

—A special meeting of Aldema Lodge, No. 189, Daughters of Rebekah, will be held tomorrow evening at which time the installation of officers for the ensuing term will take place. A full attendance of the members is requested.

—The meeting in the Presbyterian church continues with unabated interest. During the past week those who have aided the pastor were Rev. Dr. Freeman, of Huntingdon, Rev. Davies, of Tyrone, and Rev. John Price, of Petrolia.

—Washington Camp, No. 514, Pa., P. O. S. of A., of Todd, will hold a festival at Beavertown in James Cook's store room, December 24th and 26th. Oysters, ice cream etc., will be served. A cake walk will be a feature of each evening. Everybody invited.

—L. S. Swope and M. L. Rex went over to Trough Creek last week and in company with W. S. Corbin's sons on Wednesday and Thursday killed thirty rabbits. On Thursday night Mr. Swope stepped off Mr. Corbin's, porch a distance of nine feet, and sustained severe bruises.

—A festival and oyster supper will be held under the auspices of Latta Grove Grange, No, 935, P. of H., at the residence of A. W. Pheasant in Smith valley, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, December, 25th 26th and 27th. Saturday afternoon, December 27th, there will be a lecture in the Garfield school house, Smith valley, by a prominent member of the order. Everybody invited and every body will be made welcome.

—R. S. Henderson has been slightly indisposed during the past week.

—A protracted meeting was commenced in the U. B. church last Sunday evening. We hope it may be attended with rich results.

—K. W. Mierley, of Cass township, who was seriously injured last August by being dragged a considerable distance by a mower is able to again travel about by the aid of a crutch and a cane.

—Prof. Barret of St. Lawrence county, N. Y., speaking of pulmonary diseases, says: not one death occurs now where twenty died before Downs' Elixir was known. Over fifty years of constant success places Downs' Elixir at the head of the long list of cough remedies.

—Complaints have been made that the flags purchased by W. C., No. 59, Pa., P.O. S. of A., and presented to the Railroad school more than a year ago, have never been put up. Some citizens of the township, who are members of the camp, would like to know why they were never put up.

—A quiet wedding occurred at the residence of John D. Boring last Sunday morning. The contracting parties were W. W. Wright, of Huntingdon and Miss Lydia Boring. Rev. D. H. Campbell spoke the words which made them man and wife. The ITEM extends congratulations and best wishes.

—*The Methodist News* is the name of a paper published monthly in the interest of the Petersburg and Alexandria charge of the M. E. church, by the pastor, Rev. C. V. Hartzell. The first number has just made its appearance. We congratulate our old schoolmate on the liberal patronage he is receiving and on his ability as an editor. Success.

—A few evenings ago A. B. Gillam had his attention called by J. K. Gillam to the fact that smoke was issuing from among the dry goods in his store. On investigating it was found that two webs of muslin were burned through. It is supposed to have been ignited by some one striking a match and a spark flying into the goods.

—The Christmas number of the *New York Ledger* is on our table. All numbers of the *Ledger* are interesting and instructive but this Christmas number is especially so. It is accompanied by a four-page souvenir supplement containing James Russel Lowell's poem "My Brook," beautifully illustrated. See announcement of the *Ledger* elsewhere in this paper and don't fail to get the Chritmas number.

—My stock was never larger nor more varied than at present. I have stocked up in every department and am confident that I can supply the people of Saltillo and vicinity with heavy and shelf hardware, cutlery, wall paper, shades, and furniture of every description, at prices which defy competition. A cordial invitation to come and see my goods, is extended to all. D. E. MCCLAIN, Saltillo, Pa.

Notice.

My books having been destroyed in the fire of Thursday night, December 13th, I am obliged to depend upon the memories of those indebted to me for settlement. Being in needy circumstances I hope settlement will be promptly made. PHILIP AARON.

Latta Grove, Pa., Dec. 15th.

Fire in Hare's Valley.

Last Thursday night, shortly after midnight, the store room and dwelling house of Philip Aaron, situated in Hare's valley, about six miles south of Mapleton, was destroyed by fire. All the store goods and household effects were also destroyed. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron had been to church and upon returning built a fire. The store room and dwelling were connected and as the body of the fire seemed to be between them it is supposed that a spark lodged in the valley of the roof. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron barely escaped and succeeded in saving nothing but what clothing they could reach in their hurried flight. Mrs. Aaron brought a number of trinkets and some gold with her from Russia last summer all of which she lost. The loss amounts to about $800; insurance $500. Mr. Aaron's watch was found in the ruins. It marked 12.45 o'clock.

MARRIED.

SMITH—GALBRAITH—At Mount Union, Pa., Dec. 4th, 1890, by Rev. D. H. Campbell, Mr. Samuel H. Smith, of Harrisburg, and Miss Emma Galbraith, of Mount Union.

WRIGHT—BORING—In Mapleton, Pa., at the home of the brides father, Mr. John Boring, Dec. 14th, 1890, by Rev. D. H. Campbell, Mr. Watson W. Wright, of Huntingdon, and Miss Lidia Boring.

Mount Union.

Wm. Ripple, who is employed in the oil regions and has been absent for about four months, is home visiting relatives and friends. He is looking well.

The chair factory is working over time at present. The electric lights are quite an innovation.

M. Hiney and Harry McGarvey were on the petit jury from this place.

The scarlet fever scare has about sunken into innocuous desuetude.

The sonorous scream of the porker is heard far and near.

Bruce Shaver, an employee of the E. B. T. R. R. Co., mashed two fingers while engaged in the discharge of his duties last week. At this date he is getting along as well as could be expected.

The protracted meeting in the M. E. church has met with good results.

Mrs. J. L. Benscoter was in Huntingdon last week.

V. B. McCarthy, who was a resident of this place at one time, was in town on Sunday, on his way to Pittsburgh.

Dr. W. A. Hunter received a telegram on Wednesday announcing the death of Mrs. James Hunter. Her remains were brought to this place on Friday evening to be interred on Monday.

Ross T. Wickes, of the German Reformed denomination, preached in the M. E. church on Monday evening last.

Miss Mamie Adams, of this place, is visiting in Panancoh, Kentucky.

Miss Emma Galbraith, of this place, was united in marriage to S. T. Smith, of Harrisburg, Thursday, the 4th inst.

Mrs. Ed. DeFrehn and daughter, are visiting in Williamsport, Md.

An addition has been made to the *Times* force in the person of Elmer Shrom, of Newport.

Little Trough Creek.

B. F. Fink, one of Huntingdon's hardware men, was here, Saturday night.

O. T. Swope, who owns the farm formerly owned by Nathan Greenland, dec'd, took advantage of the sledding last week and gathered some of his neighbors to his assistance and hauled a good lot of stone for the foundation of the barn he intends building next summer. Oliver has the best location for a barn in this end of the valley, and we expect him to put up a building that will compare favorably with the the location.

C. M. Glasgow and family came down from the mountain city last week, and expect to spend a couple of weeks among their numerous friends and relatives. They are welcome visitors. Clarence reports times rather dull in the city.

I neglected to mention the return of S. L. Glasgow to the valley. He now wields the birch over the young Calvinites, and in the spring will resume farming on the old homestead.

W. A. Crotsley and wife took a drive over to Saltillo on Saturday.

Wib. Roland and Lottie David were visitors to Colfax on Sunday.

Joshua Brown, of Selma, California, kindly sent his brother, Oliver, a box of California dried fruit, consisting of raisins, prunes, nectarines and peaches, together with a few quinces that measured over a foot in circumference. The box weighed 105 pounds. It was a month and two days on the road, yet the fruit was in good condition when it arrived. Having a tooth for good things I speak knowingly when I say they were of excellent quality—far better than we get at the stores here.

Our weather prophet told us last week that we would have snow to-day—Monday. From present indications Abner will be entitled to go in the class with Wiggins this time, although his guesses are as good as any when they hit.

Our valley will soon be well supplied with buggies. A buggy agent recently sold eight here in two weeks.

Rumor says there is to be a wedding in the upper end on Christmas.

Sale Register.

All sales for which bills are printed at this office will be advertised in this column, free of charge, until day of sale. The most attractive bills are printed at the ITEM office. Send us your order.

THURSDAY, Dec. 18th.—M. L. Rex will sell at his stables adjacent to Mapleton borough, 4 heavy draft horses, driving horse, six good mules, buggies, 1-horse wagon, 2-horse wagon, 1 four-horse wagons, extra wheels, 2 pairs metal-soled bob sleds, gears, traces, collars, bridles, lines, fly-nets, chains, bark-ladders, spreaders, canvass, and everything pertaining to his draft teams. The stock is all in the best possiobcle ndition. See large bills. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock.

Special Announcement.

We have made arrangements with Dr. B. J. Kendall Co., publishers of "A Treatise on the Horse and his Diseases," which will enable all our subscribers to obtain a coppy of that valuable work free by sending their address (enclosing a two-cent stamp for mailing same) to Dr. B. J. Kendall Co., Enosburgh Falls, Vt. This book is now recognized as standard authority upon all diseases of the horse, as its phenomenal sale attests, over four million coppies having been sold in the past ten years, a sale never before reached by any publication in the same period of time. We feel confident that our patrons will appreciate the work, and be glad to avail themselves of this opportunity of obtaining a valuable book.

It is necessary that you mention this paper in sending for the "Treatise." This offer will remain open for only a short time.

CHRISTMAS,

1890.

THE Festive Holiday Season will soon be here. Santa Claus is preparing to visit the homes of the land. He has made a special visit to

T. W. Frantz's

Grocery

and

Confectionery,

where he has left an immense assortment of

Confectieries,

Toys, Fruits,

Etc., Etc.

A Full Stock of Groceries Always on Hand.

Choice Cigars, Tobaccos,

Smokers' Articles, Etc.

Come and See Me.

T. W. Frantz;

The Most Successful Remedy ever discovered, as it is certain in its effects and does not blister. Read proof below:

BROOKLYN, Conn., May 5, '90.

DR. B. J. KENDALL CO.:
Sirs:—Last Summer I cured a Curb upon my horse with your celebrated Kendall's Spavin Cure and it was the best job I ever saw done. I have a dozen empty bottles, having used it with perfect success, curing every thing I tried it on. My neighbor had a horse with a very bad Spavin that made him lame. He asked me how to cure it. I recommended Kendall's Spavin Cure. He cured the Spavin in just three weeks.
Yours respectfully,
WOLCOTT WITTER.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, April 4, '90.

DR. B. J. KENDALL CO.:
Dear Sirs:—I have been selling more of Kendall's Spavin Cure and Flint's Condition Powders than ever before. One man said to me, it was the best Powder I ever kept and the best he ever used.
Respectfully,
OTTO L. HOFFMAN.

CHITTENANGO, N. Y., May 19, '90.

DR. B. J. KENDALL CO.,
Dear Sirs:—I have used several bottles of your Kendall's Spavin Cure with perfect success, on a valuable and blooded mare that was quite lame with a Bone Spavin. The mare is now entirely free from lameness and shows *no bunch on the joint*.
Respectfully, F. H. HUTCHINS.

KENDALL'S SPAVIN CURE.

MONROE, La., May 3, '90.

DR. B. J. KENDALL CO.,
Gents:—I think it my duty to render you my thanks for your far famed Kendall's Spavin Cure. I had a four year old filly which I prized very highly. She had a very severe swollen leg. I tried about eight different kinds of medicines which did no good. I purchased a bottle of your Kendall's Spavin Cure which cured her in four days.
I remain yours,
MARION DOWDEN.

Price $1 per bottle, or six bottles for $5. All druggists have it or can get it for you, or it will be sent to any address on receipt of price by the proprietors. DR. B. J. KENDALL CO.,

IN as few words as possible we want to tell you that if you are looking for bargains do not give us the "go-by." You will find us "there" every time.

Our store is near the Depot, in Mapleton.

J. G. GILLAM.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

News About the Various Departments at Washington.

Report of the Record and Pension Bureau.

The officer in charge of the Record and Pension Division of the War Department, in his report to the Secretary of War, says:

On July 8, 1889, there were 4365 remuster cases unacted on. Many of them had been in the office for years. By the 30th of September all were disposed of, including 725 received up to that date. From October 1, 1889, to June 30, 1890, 3601 cases of this class were received and disposed of, leaving none on hand at the close of the fiscal year, and making a total of 8691 acted on during the year.

On the 8th of July, 1889, there were on hand and unacted on 1342 cases requiring investigation of the charge of desertion with a view to its removal under Act of March 2, 1889. The bulk of these cases had been in the office for months. These cases were all disposed of by September 30, 1889. From October 1 to June 30, 1890, 6316 regular applications and 5197 miscellaneous cases were acted on, leaving none on hand at the end of the fiscal year, and making a total of 16,135 cases disposed of during the year.

On the 8th of July, 1889, there were on hand and unanswered 23,424 calls from the Pension Office. By the 30th of September, 1889, these were all disposed of, together with the current receipts up to that date (39,029), leaving none on hand on the 30th of September, 1889. From October 1, 1889, to June 30, 1890, 160,330 cases of this class were received and disposed of, leaving none on hand on the 30th of June, 1890, and making a total of 222,783 acted on during the year.

Altogether there were received 301,238 calls from all sources from July 8, 1889, to June 30, 1890. These added to the 40,550 on hand July 8, 1889, in the divisions transferred from the Adjutant-General's office, and 104 in the division transferred from the Surgeon-General's office, made a total of 341,892, which were all disposed of, leaving none on hand at the end of the fiscal year.

Deer for the Esquimaux.

Captain A. M. Healy, of the United States revenue cutter Bear, and Dr. Sheldon Jackson, United States Commissioner of Education for Alaska, who has been in Alaska recently on the Bear, has sent a communication to the Washington authorities in regard to the condition of the Esquimaux in Northwestern Alaska. They point out that the Esquimaux are suffering great hardship, and in some cases are confronted with starvation, owing to the scarcity of deer, and particularly on account of the entire failure of the hunt during the past autumn.

Captain Healy will propose to the Government that he be allowed to purchase a number of reindeer, which abound on the Siberian coast, and transport them on the Bear to some point on the Alaskan coast where moss and feed are plentiful. He will also suggest that the Government enlist the services of some of the experienced Siberian natives to instruct the Esquimaux in the art of herding these deer, and, as the animals become more numerous, they can be distributed over Northwestern Alaska and form the food supply for the natives.

Armament of the New Cruisers.

The policy of the Navy Department is to strengthen the armament of the new cruisers. This has been done in several of the vessels, the last change being in the 5500-ton cruiser, known as Number 6, whose battery now consists of ten 5-inch and four 8-inch guns. The latter pieces are of 40 calibre, a type designed in the Ordnance Bureau. It is now proposed to increase the strength of the armament of Cruisers 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 by changing the present 4-inch guns to 5-inch weapons, and lengthening the 6-inch rifles from 35-calibre to 40-calibre. The 6-inch guns of 40-calibre were designed by the Ordnance Bureau and forgings for two of them have already been ordered. The rapid firing feature, that is, fixed ammunition, cartridge case, charge and projectile in one, will probably not be adopted for this calibre on account of excessive weight. The Department has no information that this calibre of the 9-inch firing variety has been entirely successful abroad. The change will make the armament of Cruisers 7 and 8 ten 5-inch rapid firing guns and one 6-inch breech-loading rifle; of Cruisers 9, 10 and 11 eight 5-inch rapid firing guns and two 6-inch rifles.

Still Fighting the Lotteries.

The Postmaster-General issued the following order:

"Postmasters will hereafter intercept the transmission in the mails and decline to deliver at their respective offices any circulars in sealed envelopes brought into the United States from Mexico prepaid at less than the five-cent rate, and will whenever such matter is discovered in transit, or in the office of delivery, hold the same and report the fact to the Postmaster-General for instructions as to the disposal of it.

"This order is especially intended to apply to the circulars of Mexican lotteries which have heretofore been received in sealed envelopes the corners of which have been clipped and the postage of which has been prepaid by Mexican stamps of the denomination of one cent."

To Invite Foreigners to the Fair.

Ex-Senator Palmer, President of the World's Fair Commission, called on the President and submitted to him papers showing that the World's Fair had reached that point in organization that a proclamation requesting foreign countries to participate in it should be issued. The papers were referred by the President to Attorney-General Miller to examine as to the sufficiency of the financial guarantees, etc.

A Contest in Pennsylvania.

Thomas H. Greevy has served notice on Edward Scull, the Republican Representative elect to the Fifty-second Congress from the Twentieth District of Pennsylvania, of his intention to contest the right to his (Scull's) seat in the House. Mr. Scull's majority on the face of the returns was 526.

A PLUCKY WOMAN.

Mrs. Dacey Makes a Gambler Return Her Husband's Money.

The gambling house of Charles Voss, at Wichita, Kan., was invaded the other night by Mrs. Oscar Dacey, whose husband had lost $600 there. She demanded the money back. Voss said he would put her out, and started toward her. She drew a pistol, fired at his head, cutting off a lock of hair. He fell to the floor, and yelled that he had been murdered, but she coolly told him she had not brought blood, but would if she did not get the money. He returned it.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Eastern and Middle States.

THE British ship Buckingham, from Dundee, Scotland, came into the port of New York in charge of her first mate, her captain having been assassinated on the voyage by the ship's cook, a Lascar named Bahguhan Dhaas.

FRANK SHIRLEY and John Trapper, miners, were fatally injured in an explosion in the Crabtree mine of Greensburg, Penn. George Houghman, a boarding house keeper, had his skull fractured by a stone from the same blast.

A LEHIGH engine exploded at Dale, N. Y., with terrific force, killing two men and badly injuring three others.

ROBERTS, CUSHMAN & Co., Importers of hatters' materials, in New York City, failed for $500,000.

PRICE, SHERMAN & Co., hat manufacturers, of Philadelphia, Penn., have assigned. They are rated from $200,000 to $300,000.

THE settlement in the hat trouble at Danbury, Conn., is a complete victory for the manufacturers.

WHITTEN, BURDETTE & YOUNG, clothiers, of Boston, Mass., have assigned. They are rated at $1,000,000; G. W. Ingalls & Co., shoe dealers, also of Boston, assigned with liabilities of $200,000. They were large dealers and managed about twenty stores.

BY a vote of 14 to 11 the Aldermen of New York City granted a franchise to the New York and Long Island Railroad Company to construct a tunnel under Forty-second street from the East to the North River.

BOSTON, Mass., elected as Mayor N. Mathews, Jr., Democrat.

THIRTEEN patients were inoculated at Mount Sinai and St. Luke's Hospitals in New York City with Dr. Koch's lymph for the cure of consumption.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL ANDREW H. YOUNG, Assistant Quartermaster in the United States army, died a few days ago at Dover, N. H.

THE mills of the Clark Thread Company in Kearney and Newark, N. J., closed down and almost three thousand people were thrown out of employment.

THE United States cruiser Newark failed to complete her trial trip off Delaware Breakwater, owing to the breaking of two bolts in the radial gear of the low pressure cylinder.

EX-SENATOR FRANK B. ARNOLD committed suicide in his office at Undilla, N. Y., by shooting himself. Mr. Arnold, since his defeat last November for Congressman from that district, has been despondent and at times acted strangely.

HENRY BLUE, a clerk employed by Thomas H. Perkins & Co., stock brokers of Boston, Mass., has been arrested charged with the embezzlement of $17,345 from his employers.

IN New York City Henry Siebert, tobacco merchant, failed with liabilities of $250,000; Venable & Heyman, liquor dealers, assigned owing nearly $400,000; Tarlow & Hutshing, manufacturers of worsted knit goods, suspended for $200,000.

South and West.

A COLORED man killed Mr. Aaron, a merchant in his store at Roebuck Lake, Miss., the other night and was lynched before morning.

MISS MAUD GRANTHAM and Oscar Meyers, students at the Missouri Wesleyan Institute, fell through the ice into a pond near Cameron, Mo., while skating and were drowned.

THE Farmers' Alliance Convention at Ocala, Fla., adopted a financial policy and declared in favor of the Paddock Pure Food bill.

THE first Legislature of Idaho convened at Boise City. H. Z. Burkhart, ex-clerk, read the proclamation convening the special Legislature. The thirty-six Representatives were sworn in. Permanent Speaker Frank A. Fenn took the oath of office.

JOSEPH BROWN was called to his door at Dougherty, Indian Territory, and fired upon by some unknown person. The ball struck him in the heart and passed through his body and struck his stepdaughter, who was standing behind him, killing both instantly.

SYLVESTER SYLVESTERSEN and Sam McGee, farmers, were killed by an engine at a crossing in Crookston, Minn. They were driving home and both were lying in the bottom of the wagon drunk.

THE American National Bank of Arkansas City, Kan., closed its doors from a lack of funds to meet obligations.

AN epidemic of scarlet fever is raging in Cabell County, W Va.

THE Crow Indians, in full council, have sold to the Government their lands west of the divide on Price's Creek, Montana, and the adjoining strip fifteen miles wide. Consideration, $546,000. Number of acres purchased, 1,850,000.

THE Texas cotton crop, based on returns from 144 cotton-growing counties, will be 1,818,000 bales, against 1,704,000 bales last year.

EASTLAND, FOWLER & Co., wholesale crockery and glassware dealers, of San Francisco, Cal., have failed. Liabilities, $192,000; assets, $53,600.

GEORGE MARTIN, the colored murderer of William Crouch, was executed at Meridian, Miss.

THE Franklin Bank at Clarksville, Tenn., suspended payment. Two hours later the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, of the same place, closed its doors. These failures caused Kendrick, Pettus & Co., tobacco dealers, of Clarksville, to make an assignment.

THE will of the late Horace Kelley, of Cleveland, Ohio, gives $500,000 for the foundation of a National Art Gallery in that city.

THE Territorial Council of Oklahoma passed the corrected House bill, embodying some of Governor Steele's recommendations, locating the temporary capital at Kingfisher. Governor Steele promptly approved the bill.

THE hostile Indians have been fighting among themselves in the Bad Lands of South Dakota. The fight was for leadership between Two Strike and Short Bull, each wishing to control the united bands. The fight was bitterly contested for several hours, and many were killed.

Washington.

COLONEL J. F. BATES, Superintendent of the Free Delivery System of the Postoffice Department, has voluntarily tendered to Postmaster-General Wanamaker his resignation.

THE hearing on the New York City census matter was ended before the House Sub-Committee.

WASHINGTON MCLEAN, for many years well known in journalism as the proprietor of the Cincinnati *Enquirer*, died at his residence in Washington in his seventy-fourth year.

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY WINDOM, in order to relieve the tight money market, purchased $5,000,000 worth of four per cent. Government bonds at prices ranging from $1.22 to $1.25.

THE Secretary of the Treasury has transmitted to the House of Representatives an estimate aggregating $34,500,000 to supply the pension deficiency.

HOUSE and Senate committees have decided to pass no more General Pension bills this year.

AT the request of the Postoffice Department the Mexican authorities have agreed to prohibit any article relating to lotteries from being sent to the United States.

JAMES W. HATHAWAY was chosen by the Republican caucus to be Postmaster of the House of Representatives.

SECRETARY WINDOM announced that no more four per cent. Government bonds would be accepted.

A CONFERENCE of Republican Senators appointed a committee on financial legislation.

BY a decision rendered by the Treasury Department bicycles are held not to be the personal effects of persons arriving in this country.

THE President has nominated Naval Constructor Theodore D. Wilson to be chief of the Bureau of Construction and Repair and chief constructor of the Navy with the relative rank of Commodore.

THE Government now proposes to melt up the dimes, quarters and half dollars in the Treasury and issue silver certificates against them to relieve the monetary situation.

THE members of the Senate Finance Committee, together with a special committee, comprising Senators Plumb, Hale, Mitchell, McMillan and Power, have been named to confer and frame a scheme for legislation to relieve the financial condition of the country

Foreign.

QUEEN REGENT EMMA took the oath of office in the presence of all the members of the Dutch Parliament.

IN consequence of the disputes that have occurred between himself and his colleagues, Signor Giolitti, Italian Minister of Finance, has tendered his resignation to the King.

THE Duke of Nassau, who by the death of William III., King of the Netherlands, succeeds to the throne of the Grand Duchy of Luxemberg, has subscribed to the oath to maintain inviolate the national independence and territorial autonomy of the Duchy.

BERLIN, Germany, is suffering from an epidemic of fires, and it is believed that a gang of incendiaries is at work destroying buildings for the sake of the opportunity to plunder.

SIX children were crossing the ice at Tipton, England, when it suddenly gave way beneath them. In spite of efforts made to save them all six were drowned.

A WEDDING procession was on its way from the church at Clermont-Ferrand, France, when suddenly two shots were heard, and both bride and bridegroom fell lifeless to the ground. The assassin escaped undetected.

WHILE the Canadian Government steamer Newfield was off Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, entering the harbor her powder magazine suddenly exploded. The deck was torn up and a hole blown through her side. Lamp Trimmer Thomas McRae and three others were instantly killed.

THE Spanish expedition against the rebels in the Caroline Islands took the fortified position of Ketani, on the island of Ponapi. During the attack one Spanish officer and twenty-five soldiers were killed and four officers and forty-seven men wounded.

THE Italian Parliament was opened with a speech by King Humbert.

MARSHAL F. GILLOW, alias A. C. Stewart, who was wanted by the Boston police for forgery and other crimes, committed suicide at Hubbard's Cove, Nova Scotia, and his wife also took her life at the same time.

MR. PARNELL received an enthusiastic welcome to Dublin, Ireland; he seized the office of *United Ireland* and ejected the acting editor; the paper will hereafter support Parnell; the anti-Parnell manifesto was made public.

THE man who shot and killed a bride and bridegroom at Clermont-Ferrand, France, just after the wedding procession had left the church, subsequently committed suicide. The murderer proves to have been a rejected suitor for the lady's hand.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY French convicts, who recently escaped from imprisonment at Cayenne, have starved to death in the forests.

PROFESSOR BIELROTH, of Berlin, Germany, declares that the use of the Koch lymph has produced a marked effect in cases of leprosy.

THE Dutch Government has consented to sign the general act of the Brussels Anti-Slavery Conference.

DR. WELTI was chosen President of the Swiss Republic.

THE MARKETS.

50	NEW YORK.		
Beeves	3 25	@	5 15
Milch Cows, com. to good	25 00	@	50 00
Calves, common to prime	2 80	@	7 50
Sheep	4 00	@	4 87½
Lambs	5 25	@	6 00
Hogs—Live	3 60	@	3 85
Dressed	4¾	@	6¼
Flour—City Mill Extra	5 10	@	5 45
Patents	5 15	@	5 65
Wheat—No. 2 Red	—	@	1 02⅛
Rye—State	78	@	80
Barley—Two-rowed State	88	@	89
Corn—Ungraded Mixed	62¼	@	65½
Oats—No. 1 White	—	@	53½
Mixed Western	48	@	51
Hay—Fair to Good	50	@	60
Straw—Long Rye	—	@	80
Lard—City Steam	5.60	@	5.70c
Butter—State Creamery	20	@	25
Dairy, fair to good	14	@	25
West. Im. Creamery	13	@	25
Factory	8	@	23
Cheese—State Factory	7	@	9¾
Skims—Light	6½	@	6¾
Western	6	@	9¼
Eggs—State and Penn	30	@	31

BUFFALO.			
Steers—Western	1 75	@	4 50
Sheep—Medium to Good	3 50	@	5 25
Lambs—Fair to Good	5 25	@	5 80
Hogs—Good to Choice Yorks	3 40	@	3 60
Flour—Winter Patent	4 50	@	4 75
Wheat—No. 1 Northern	1 00⅞	@	1 01⅝
Corn—No. 3, Yellow	—	@	56½
Oats—No. 2, White	50	@	50½
Barley—No. 1 Canada	—	@	96

BOSTON.			
Egg—Near-by	32	@	35
Seeds—Timothy, Northern	2 25	@	2 50
Clover, Northern	10	@	11
Hay—Fair	13 00	@	14 00
Straw—Good to Prime	17 00	@	17 50
Butter—Firsts	21	@	24

WATERTOWN (MASS.) CATTLE MARKET.			
Beef—Dressed weight	3½	@	6½
Sheep—Live weight	3	@	5
Lambs	5½	@	6
Hogs—Northern	4⅛	@	5¼

PHILADELPHIA.			
Flour—Penn. family	4 25	@	4 50
Wheat—No. 2 Red, Dec	98½	@	99¼
Corn—No. 2 Mixed, Dec	58½	@	59
Oats—Ungraded White	50	@	50¼
Potatoes	90	@	1 10
Butter—Creamery Extra	—	@	28
Cheese—Part skims	6	@	8

Meant Death Not to Wear a Dress Coat.

A good thing is told of Barrios, the Guatemalan dictator, in connection with the dress of the men attending the opera. Formerly the little short jackets that come just under the armpits were worn by many, but when the President went abroad he saw how those in other parts of the world dressed, and on his return issued an edict compelling all the men to either appear in a full-dress coat or a Prince Albert. They dressed as directed. To disobey might mean death.—*San Francisco Chronicle.*

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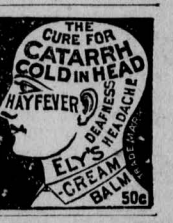

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FIFTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

In the Senate.

7TH DAY.—Mr. Gray finished his remarks on the Election Force bill....The Indian question was up for discussion....Mr. Casey offered a resolution calling on the Secretary of Agriculture for a statement of the progress made in the investigation for irrigation purposes....Mr. Gibson introduced a bill to incorporate a National Conservatory of Music in the District of Columbia for the education of persons in all branches of music.

8TH DAY.—In introducing a bill relating to the circulation Mr. Plumb gave notice that if the Elections bill was not disposed of at an early day he would move to lay it aside for the time being, in order that the bill just introduced by him, and all other measures relating to the financial condition of the country, should be considered. ..At the request of the Committee on Agriculture, the Farmers' Alliance sub-Treasury bills were transferred from that committee to the Committee on Finance.... Mr. McPherson offered a resolution (which was agreed to) calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for a certified copy of the accounts of John I. Davenport, Chief Supervisor of Elections for the Southern District of New York, for the elections of 1884, 1886 and 1888, together with reports, correspondence, etc....Debate on the Elections bill followed, Mr. Berry and Mr. Daniel speaking against it.

9TH DAY.—The House bill to authorize the payment of drawback or rebate on tobacco (to correct an omission in the Tariff bill) was passed....The Senate then, at 1:15, resumed consideration of the Elections Force bill, and Mr. George spoke in opposition to the bill. He occupied just four hours in the delivery of his speech, all of which he read from manuscript. The floor was then taken by Mr. Wilson.... Mr. Farwell introduced a bill to amend the present silver law so as to direct the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase all the silver bullion that may be offered at the market price thereof, not exceeding one dollar for 371.25 grains of pure silver, and to issue in payment for it United States Treasury notes.

10TH DAY.—The Election Force bill was discussed, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Frye making the principal speeches.....Mr. Plumb's resolution to extend the hours of daily sessions was debated....The Senate confirmed the following nominations: Romualdo Pacheco, California, Minister to the Central American States; C. A. Dougherty, Pennsylvania, Secretary of Legation to Mexico.

11TH DAY.—The Senate, without debate, agreed to the Plumb resolution, with an amendment offered by Mr. Hoar providing that the Senate shall meet at ten o'clock.... Mr. Dolph's resolution in regard to the disfranchisement of voters in certain States and its relation to representation in Congress, and the Election bill, were debated.

12TH DAY.—The Senate resumed the reconsideration of the Election Force bill, and Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, made an argument in opposition to it....The Senate confirmed the following nominations: H. R. Whitehouse, New York, Secretary of Legation to Italy; C. A. Dougherty, Pennsylvania, Secretary of Legation at Mexico.

In the House.

7TH DAY.—The Atkinson bill, granting certain privileges as to sidings, etc., to the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, within the City of Washington, was passed without division.... Mr. Taylor introduced a bill appropriating $4,000,000 for the erection of a public building at Chicago, upon the present site, with the stipulation that it must be ready for occupancy by January 1, 1893....Section 30, the tobacco rebate clause, which was omitted from the Tariff bill, was passed.

8TH DAY.—The Fortifications bill and the bill making a deficiency appropriation for public buildings and printing were referred ....The credentials of T. J. Gearey as Representative-elect from the First Congressional district of California, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of J. J. DeHaven, were presented and Mr. Gearey took the oath of office....The Plumb resolution for the removal of the remains of General Grant from New York to Arlington Cemetery, was defeated by a vote of 246 to 92....A number of public building bills were passed.

9TH DAY.—Mr. Parrett asked unanimous consent for the consideration of a Senate bill for the erection of a monument to Robert Dale Owen in the grounds of the Smithsonian Institute. Mr. Kilgore objected....On motion of Mr. Crain a bill was passed authorizing the Corpus Christi and Padre Island Harbor Company to construct a harbor off the shore of Padre Island, on the coast of Texas.... Mr Abner Taylor introduced an amendment to the present tariff act, proposing to fix the duty on tin plate at one cent per pound, with a duty of forty-five per cent. ad valorem on manufactures of tin.

10TH DAY.—The Fortifications Appropriation bill was passed....In the morning hour the House passed a bill amending Section 5515, Revised Statutes. The amendment provides a penalty for any person having the custody of ballots and returns, after an election has been held, who shall deface them.... A bill was then taken up to amend the Anti-Polygamy Law by providing that the personal property formerly belonging to the Mormon Church, but which was forfeited by Congress and placed in the hands of a receiver, shall be placed in the common school fund of the Territory of Utah, which was the disposition made of the real estate held by the Church. The measure went over.

11TH DAY.—After the reading of the Journal, the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Private Calendar....The Apportionment bill, providing for a House of 356 members, was reported....Acting Secretary Nettleton sent to the House a communication urging an increase by $2,000,000 of the permanent annual appropriation for the collection of customs revenues ..Almost the entire afternoon was consumed in a discussion of the merits of a bill for the relief of John L. Rhea and Joseph R. Anderson, of East Tennessee.

12TH DAY.—The Senate bill for the inspection of cattle and hogs and the products and carcasses thereof, which are subject to interstate commerce, was referred to the House Committee on Agriculture....Mr. Flower introduced a bill to correct an error caused by the insertion of a parenthesis in the wrong place in the chocolate schedule of the McKinley Tariff law, whereby sweetened chocolate was subjected to a duty of two cents per pound....The Composite bill prepared by the majority members of the House Committee as a substitute for the Senate Tonnage and Subsidy bills was reported.

WHOLESALE MURDER.

After Killing Five Persons, Joplin Commits Suicide.

Charles Joplin shot and killed five persons in one day recently, at the Jenny lead mine, twelve miles from Fort Smith, Ark., and then committed suicide by shooting himself. Those he killed were John Miller, his wife, his grown daughter, Lou Miller; Dr. Stewart, a prominent physician, and a man whose name is not known.

The shooting occurred late in the day. The only clue to the cause of the killing lies in a report that Dr. Stewart intimated that Joplin was the cause of Miss Miller's trouble.

LATER NEWS.

PECK, MARTIN & Co., the largest firm in the building material business in New York City, have made an assignment. The liabilities are $300,000, and assets $400,000.

THE tugboat Vandercook sank suddenly without known cause at a Jersey City (N. J.) dry dock and two of the crew were drowned in their bunks.

THIRTY-SIX patients have received injections of Professor Koch's lymph at five different institutions in New York City. They are doing well.

WHITE CAPS visited the house of Thomas Burgess, a farmer, living in Meade County, Ky., to whip him. He shot and killed one of the raiders and wounded two others. With his wife Burgess fled to the woods through a rear door.

CURTIS G. STODDART, the banker, has been arrested at Chicago, Ill., on a charge of embezzling almost $3,000,000. The funds it is alleged he has embezzled are stock and bonds of the Kansas, Arkansas & New Orleans Railroad.

DURING a terrific wind storm at Elliott, North Dakota, a spark from a locomotive blew into the North Dakota elevator and the structure was burned down, together with 50,000 bushels of wheat.

LOUIS SCOTT shot his wife in a quarrel at Kalamazoo, Mich., and then killed himself. They quarreled some weeks ago and she left him, going to work as a domestic.

A WARRANT has been issued at Columbia, S. C., for the arrest of Attorney-General Page, on the charge of political intimidation in discharging from the enrolling department T. F. Butler, a nephew of Senator Butler, without adequate cause. Mr. Butler was a candidate for the Legislature on the Haskell ticket, and this incurred Page's displeasure.

JUDGE T. A. S. MITCHELL, of the Supreme Court of Indiana, died suddenly at his home, in Goshen. Judge Mitchell was the only Democratic member of the bench, and was re-elected for a second term at the recent election. He was about fifty years old.

THE town of Waterford, Ind., has been almost entirely wiped out by fire.

FENSION COMMISSIONER RAUM has concluded examining claims recorded to December 6 under the new act. There are 171,946 original invalid claims, 55,323 original widow claims and 298,330 claims filed by old claimants. This gives only 227,000 new claims filed under the new law.

A REPORT transmitted to the House by the Secretary of War is to the effect that the Connecticut River, from Long Island Sound to Hartford, is worthy of improvement, at an estimated cost of $130,000.

POSTMASTER-GENERAL WANAMAKER issued an order appointing Captain N. M. Brooks, the Superintendent of Foreign Mails of the Postoffice Department, and William Potter, of Philadelphia, delegates to represent the United States at the International Postal Congress, to convene in Vienna, Austria, May 20, 1891.

WILLIAM WALLACE BLANCHARD was hanged at Sherbrooke, Canada, for the murder of Charles A. Calkins, on November 18, 1889. The men were of the lowest class.

PRINCE LUBESCKY'S porcelain factory at Cmilew, Poland, has been destroyed by fire. Eight operatives perished in the flames.

MUCH havoc has been wrought by storms on the Southern coasts of Europe, especially around Sardinia, in which vicinity eleven persons are known to have been killed and fifty injured, while many vessels were wrecked and a number of houses shattered.

AN explosion occurred in the cartridge room of the factory at Zumdorf, Hungary, where the new explosive megatin is manufactured. Three women employed in the factory were blown to pieces.

SECRETARY WINDOM went from Washington to New York City to discuss the financial situation with bank presidents.

A DISASTROUS fire occurred at Pottstown, Penn. A high wind prevailed and the flames, which originated from an overheated stove, spread with wonderful rapidity, and burned out half a dozen business firms and their buildings. The loss will reach $150,000.

TWO children, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Holnagel, residing two miles east of Saginaw, Mich., were burned to death in their home, which took fire during the absence of Mrs. Holnagel.

JOHN BLYEW was given a life sentence at Vanceburg, Ky., for the murder of four colored people in August, 1868. He killed a whole family except two little children. The case has been fought twenty-two years and cost the State $25,000.

IN a collision between freight trains near Cincinnati, Ohio, Brakeman J. G. Stephens was killed and Engineer Hall fatally injured. The accident was caused by the young lady operator at Pine Knot not giving proper orders.

THE bodies of James Lane and George Serker were found lying in a road near City Court House, W. Va. They are supposed to have frozen to death.

THE annual report of the Chief of Chemical Division of the Agricultural Department, just issued, contains an account of a process recently perfected at the department with reference to the manufacture of sorghum sugar.

THE President sent to the Senate the following nominations: Horace W. Metcalf, of Maine, United States Consul at Newcastle, England; John B. Jackson, of New Jersey, Second Secretary of Legation at Berlin, Germany.

IT is believed that Osman Digna, the Soudanese rebel General, is receiving grain and ammunition from Djeddah and other ports in exchange for slaves. One meal will buy a slave in the interior, where a famine prevails.

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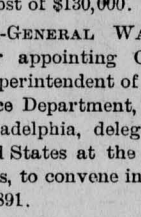

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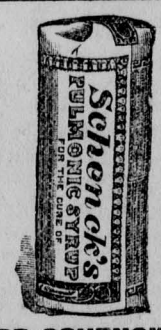

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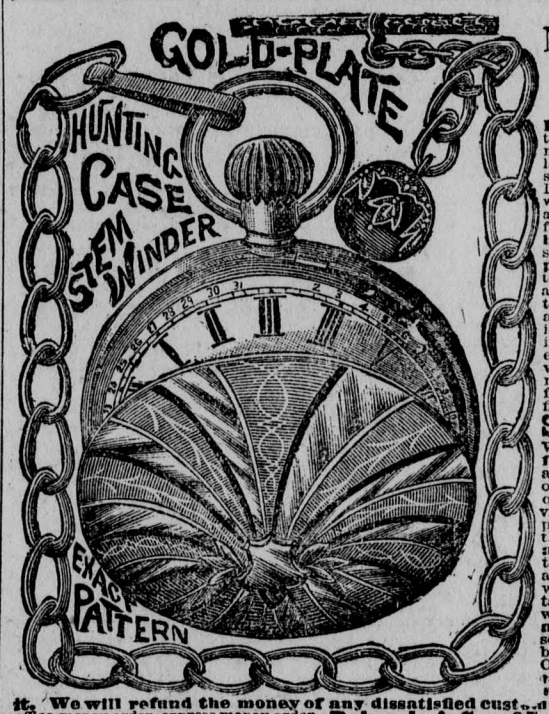

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HAD HE A WIFE?

There promises to be some serious legal complications before the large estate of the late L. A. Robertson, among which is the large tannery at this place, is divided. The following articles from the New York *Sun* show the trend of affairs:

From the *Sun* of Friday, Dec. 12th.

There is a prospect of a long legal fight over the distribution of $2,200,000 in personal property and $300,000 in real estate, left by Loring A. Robertson, who died suddenly at the Hotel St. George, Brooklyn, on October 10. The distributing element is a woman, who puts in a claim for the entire estate on the ground that she is the widow of the deceased millionaire leather merchant. The six uncles and aunts of Mr. Robertson believed they would share the property equally, for he had left no will, and they petitioned Surrogate Abbott, of Brooklyn, for the appointment of administors. The citations were returnable in court yesterday morning, and everything looked favorable for the claimants, until Lawyers John F. Baker and B. W. Cowhen, of this city, presented another petition, signed in a bold masculine hand, with the name, "Helen Robertson." The new petition startled the lawyers of the other relatives, and Surrogate Abbott postponed further hearing until Monday.

Loring A. Robertson was engaged in the leather trade at 84 Gold street, this city, and was well known in the Swamp. He was 60 years old, and for three months before his death had been living at the Hotel St. George. He had been ill for a week before Oct: 10, but did not apprehend serious results. On the morning of that day he did not appear for breakfast and the proprietor went to his room. Receiving no response to his calls, he forced his way inti the apartment. Robertson was lying in bed, in his night dress, dead. The post-mortem examination showed that death had been caused by heart disease and that there was no ground for the rumor that he had committed suicide. Am examination of his effects showed that almost his entire estate was in personal property, largely in securities deposited with trust companies in this city. The persons who expected to share his property were Elbert Robertson, an uncle, of Geneva, James Robertson, another uncle, of Constantia, Phileva R. Pitcher, of Brooklyn, Elisha P. Strong, of Starucca, Pa., Louisa Strong, of Ashland, and Elmira Stedman, of Brattleboro, Vt. Mr. Robertson had always been regarded by the members of his family as a bachelor who was too shrewd to form entangling alliances with women.

The petitioner asks that as she will not be able to procure bonds sufficient for the administration of so large an estate the Brooklyn Trust Company shall be named as a co-administrator. The woman did not appear in court, and her lawyers refused to say anything about her. Her address is not given in any of the papers in the case, but it is probable that she will appear before the Surrogate on Monday. Her lawyers say they will be able to prove that Robertson lived with her for four years and introduced her to his friends as his wife. Mr. B. W. Cohen said last night that no ceremony was performsd, but they agreed verbally to live together as man and wife. His client has no papers to prove her claim. She was, he said, an eminently respectable woman when Mr. Robertson met her four years ago. She is now living in this city. She is said to be 28 years old.

A claim will probably be made by others that Robertson was a resident of Pennsylvania, which is given as Mr. Robertson's place of residence in the New York City Directory. Under the Pennsylvania law a widow is entitled to only one-half of the personal property. Mr. Robertson had thirty nephews and nieces who live in Pennsylvania. Under the New York law a nephew is not entitled to any share of an estate. Under the Pennsylvania law they are as much heirs as brothers would be. The lawyers of the alleged Mrs. Robertson will help the nearer relatives to prove that Mr. Robertson was a resident of New York. The question of residence will be settled first. So far there are fourteen lawyers engaged in the case.

Saturday's *Sun* says:

Some of the friends of Loring A Robertson, the millionaire leather manufacturer who died at the Hotel St. George in Brooklyn on Oct. 10, are not surprised that a woman has appeared to claim a wife's dower. Almost immediately after his death there were rumors that he left a widow. How they started or who the woman was nobody appeared to know. The rumors reached the ears of the natural heirs to the estate, but they did not believe them, and when at that time a reporter asked one of the heirs what truth there might be in the rumor the idea was scouted as ridiculous. This heir said he had been as a brother to Mr. Robertson for years and that he knew Mr. Robertson had avoided all entangling alliances with women. As for living with any woman he knew that was not true, because he himself had done the next thing to living with him. At the same time, Mr. Robertson's confidential clerk, who had been in the millionaire's employ for twenty years and had enjoyed the most intimate relations with him, asserted that he knew Mr. Robertson was not married. These assertions were reiterated yesterday. A reporter talked with several of the heirs. They all asserted that they honestly believed Mr. Robertson had not been a married man. Some of them denounced the woman who says she is his widow as an adventuress whom the millionaire had never seen, but who had heard through the papers of his death without a will. There was nothing for her to lose and all to gain. The more conservative of the relatives thought it was possible that Mr. Robertson might have had a speaking acquaintance with her or that he might have known her even intimately, but they are sure he never lived with her and that he never introduced her as his wife to any one, for if he had they would have heard of it.

It is well known that Mr. Robertson was a great admirer of women, and that is the chief reason why his friends are not surprised at the claim. Both his friends and relatives are very anxious to learn who the woman is. Her lawyers refused again yesterday to disclose her identity. It would not be fair to her, they said. This much is known: She is 28 years old, and is said to be very pretty. She lives in New York and bears a good reputation. Mr. Robertson was more than double her age.

The action of the grand nephews and grand nieces of Mr. Robertson, who live in Pennsylvania, in trying to prove that Mr. Robertson is a Pennsylvanian, and was a resident of that State at the time of his death, is going to complicate the contest over the estate very much. As was reported in the *Sun* yesterday morning, they are entitled to a share in the estate under the laws of Pennsylvania, while under the laws of New York they are not entitled to anything. In case the alleged Mrs. Robertson can prove her claim as a widow, or if the lawyers on the other side think she can prove her claim, it is not unlikely that the six New York heirs, who expected to divide the estate between them, will join with the thirty Pennsylvania heirs and try and prove that Mr. Robertson was a resident of Pennsylvania at the time of his death. There are two reasons for doing this. One is that it is harder under the laws of Pennsylvania to prove a contract marriage when there is no written agreement than it is under the laws of New York. The second is that if Robertson lived in Pennsylvania, and the woman does succeed in proving her claim, she will be entitled to only half of the personal property of the dead man, while under the laws of New York she would be entitled to all of it.

From yesterday's *Sun*.

The lawyers who have been retained to prosecute the claims of Helen Robertson, the alleged widow of Loring A. Robertson, to the $2.000.000 in personal property left by him, are determined for the present, to keep her in the background, and the other natural heirs of the estate will have to nurse their curiosity about her identity for some days at least. John T. Baker of this city, who is one of her counsel, admits that she is 28 years old, is pretty, and is respectably connected. He said yesterday that he might disclose her identity this week.

The case came up before Surrogate Abbott in Brooklyn yesterday for the appointment of temporary administrators. It had been understood that the alleged widow would not oppose this proceeding and she was not present, nor were her lawyers. The temporary administrators are public administrator W. B. Davenport and M. G. Hooper, of Brooklyn, Elbert Robertson, of Geneva, John R. Pitcher, of Short Hills, N. J.; and George Southerland, of Campbell, N, Y., and Stephen O. Lockwood, of this city. They will act only until the claim of the alleged widow is established or rejected, and this question is to be determined by Surrogate Abbott.

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Schedule in effect November 10th 1889.

LEAVE WESTWARD. Pacific Express.	Way Passenger.	Altoona Accommodat'n.	STATIONS.	LEAVE EASTWARD. Sea Shore Express.	Mail.	Harrisburg Accom.
p. m.	a. m.	a.m.		p. m.	p.m.	a. m.
11 25	4 30		Philadelphia	3 15	1045	
a. m.				a. m.		
3 10	8 15	4 10	Harrisburg	11 40	7 00	10 05
	8 33	4 28	Marysville	11 22	6 39	9 47
3 38	8 54	4 45	Duncannon	11 07	6 21	9 30
4 00	9 26	5 12	Newport	10 44	5 50	900
	9 52	5 34	Thompsout'n	10 25	5 26	8 37
4 34	10 13	5 52	Port Royal	10 09	5 09	8 17
4 39	10 20	5 58	Mifflin	10 05	5 03	8 12
5 01	10 46	6 23	Lewistown Jn	9 43	4 38	7 45
	10 55	6 31	Granville	9 36	4 29	7 36
5 22	11 14	6 48	McVeytown	9 20	4 12	7 20
5 40	11 39	7 09	N. Hamilton	9 02	3 51	7 06
5 46	11 46	7 15	Mt. Union	8 56	3 46	6 54
5 54	11 55	7 22	MAPLETON	8 51	3 38	6 47
6 00	12 03	7 29	Mill Creek	8 45	3 32	6 41
6 12	12 17	7 40	Huntingdon	8 35	3 20	6 30
6 25	12 31	7 53	Petersburg	8 20	3 06	
6 33	12 40	8 03	Barree	8 13	2 59	
6 40	12 46	8 09	Spruce Creek	8 06	2 54	
6 54	12 59	8 20	Birmingham	7 55	2 42	
7 00	1 07	8 26	Tyrone	7 49	2 35	
7 11	1 16	8 35	Tipton	7 40	2 26	
7 22	1 26	8 44	Bellwood	7 32	2 18	
7 30	1 32	8 49	Elizabeth Fur	7 26	2 11	
7 45	1 45	9 00	Altoona	7 15	2 00	
12 45	6 50		Pittsburg		5 30	
p. m.	p. m.	a.m.		p. m.	a.m.	a. m.

Mail Express east leaves Altoona at 6:20 p. m., daily, Tyrone, 6:52; Birmingham, 6:59; Spruce Creek, 7:10; Petersburg, 7:22; Huntingdon, 7:37; Mapleton, 7:53; Mount Union, 8:00; Harrisburg, 10:45 and arrives at Philadelphia at 4:25 a. m.

Fast Line leaves Philadelphia daily at 11:50 a. m., Mount Union 6:11 p. m.; Huntingdon, 6:30; Altoona, 7:50 and arrives at Pittsburg at 11:55 p. m.

Day Express east leaves Pittsburg at 8:00 a. m., daily, Altoona, 11:50 a. m., Huntingdon, 12:48 p. m., Mount Union, 1:08; Harrisburg, 3:20, and arrives at Philadelphia at 6:50 p. m.

Philadelphia Express east leaves daily, (except Sunday) Pittsburg at 4:30 p. m., Altoona, 9:05; Huntingdon 10:12; Harrisburg, 1:00 a. m., and arrives at Philadelphia at 4:25 a. m.

Fast Line east leaves Pittsburg at 8.10 p. m. daily, Altoona, 12:01 a. m., Huntingdon, 12:58; Harrisburg, 3:30, and arrives at Philadelphia at 6:50 a. m.

Mail train west leaves Philadelphia daily at 7:00 a. m., Harrisburg, 11:20; Mount Union, 1:56 p. m., Huntingdon, 2:17; Altoona, 3:40, and arrives at Pittsburg at 8:10 p. m.

Huntingdon Accommodation leaves Altoona daily at 11.30 p. m., and arrives at Huntingdon at 12.40 a. m.

HUNTINGDON AND BROAD TOP MOUNTAIN RAILROAD.

New Schedule Nov. 29th, 1888.

SOUTH Mail	SOUTH Expr's	STATIONS.	NORTH Fast Line	NORTH Day Expr's
a. m.	a. m.		p. m.	p. m.
6 35	8 25	Huntingdon	6 20	12 15
6 45	8 35	McConl'st'n	6 09	12 02
6 52	8 41	Grafton	6 05	11 58
7 03	8 51	Marklesb'g	5 55	11 48
7 10	9 00	Entriken	5 45	11 40
f7 22	9 12	Cove	5 32	11 28
7 35	9 25	Saxton	5 20	11 15
7 48	9 40	Riddlesburg	5 06	11 02
7 53	9 45	Hopewell	5 02	10 57
8 05	9 55	Cypher	f4 52	10 47
8 15	10 08	Tatesville	4 41	10 38
8 21	10 17	Everett	4 33	10 28
8 25	10 20	Mt. Dallas.	4 30	10 25
		Bedford		
p. m.	a. m.		p. m.	a. m.

"f" Flag Stations.

Trains over Shoup's Branch leave Saxton at 9:35 and arrive at Dudley at 10:05 a. m. Leave Dudley at 4:30 and arrive at Saxton at 5:00 p. m.

GEO. F. GAGE, Supt.

EAST BROAD TOP RAILROAD.

To take effect at 6:00 a. m., on Wednesday, Aug. 1, 1888.

SOUTH. Mixed, No. 10.	Mixed, No. 8.	Mail, No. 2.	STATIONS.	NORTH. Mail, No. 1.	Mixed, No. 7.	Mixed, No. 9.
p. m.	a. m.	p.m.		a. m.	a.m.	p. m.
6 42	12 09	4 21	Robertsdale	1900	6 00	1 00
6 29	11 56	4 10	Cook's	9 11	6 13	1 13
6 21	11 48	4 04	Rocky Ridge	9 19	6 21	1 21
6 15	11 42	3 57	Cole's	9 24	6 27	1 27
5 40	11 07	3 27	Saltillo	9 54	6 57	1 56
5 20	10 58	3 20	Three Springs	10 01	7 05	2 04
5 08	10 42	3 06	*Beersville	10 14	7 20	2 17
4 52	10 27	2 52	Rockhill	10 27	7 35	2 32
4 22	9 54	2 26	Shirley	10 43	7 55	3 02
4 12	9 45	2 18	*Augh. Mills	10 51	8 05	3 11
3 54	9 25	2 05	Mount Union	11 05	8 25	3 30

Express No. 3, moving north leaves Rockhill at 12:30, arriving at Mt. Union at 1 p. m.

Express No. 4. moving south leaves Mount Union at 11:50, a. m., arriving at Rockhill at 12:20 p. m.

SHADE GAP BRANCH.

WEST. No. 14	WEST. No. 12	STATIONS.	EAST No. 11	EAST No. 13
p. m.	a. m.		a. m.	p. m.
6 23	9 40	L Rockhill A	6 30	4 42
6 16	9 33	*Blacklog	6 37	4 49
6 08	9 25	*Cedar Rock	5 45	4 57
6 04	9 21	*Locke Vall'y	6 49	5 01
5 58	9 15	*Shade Gap	6 55	5 07
5 46	8 58	Stair	7 07	5 19
5 37	8 49	A Goshorn L	7 16	5 28

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